



## High marks

Multi-county SANE program 'heads above' some others, Attorney General's rep says

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

The local Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners program received overwhelming approval from the Office of the Attorney General's representatives Wednesday.

"Hats off to you folks. This program is heads above some facilities and you are prepared to take any high profile case and be OK with it," said Bonnie Cone, SANE program manager for the OAG, during the Sexual Assault Response Team meeting in a local restaurant.

Cone said the facilities at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are extremely clean and offer



Zapata-Mailing

a comfortable and friendly location for sexual assault victims.

"You have provided a sterile but comfortable location for a victim to tell the most personal thing they can tell and provided a place that adds to the process of making a difference in a person's life," she said.

She praised the SANE examination room as well as the waiting room provided by SMMC. She also said she was well received at the hospital

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Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson talks Wednesday with SANE Program Manager for the Office of the Attorney General Bonnie Cone after the Sexual Assault Response Team meeting.

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

## Pipeline operators reach pact

Big Spring Refinery will continue to get service from system

Special to the Herald

Alon USA Energy said Wednesday that the operators of the Mesa Pipeline System, Plains Pipeline, L.P. and Sunoco Pipeline, L.P., have announced operation of the pipeline will continue until Dec. 31, 2009.

The announcement means that crude supply to Alon's Big Spring Refinery is now fully secured, based on the same terms, until at least the end of 2009.

"We are pleased with this outcome, not only for ourselves, but primarily for the benefit the Mesa Pipeline System provides to all

West Texas producers of crude oil and royalty owners," said Jeff Morris, president and CEO of Alon USA.

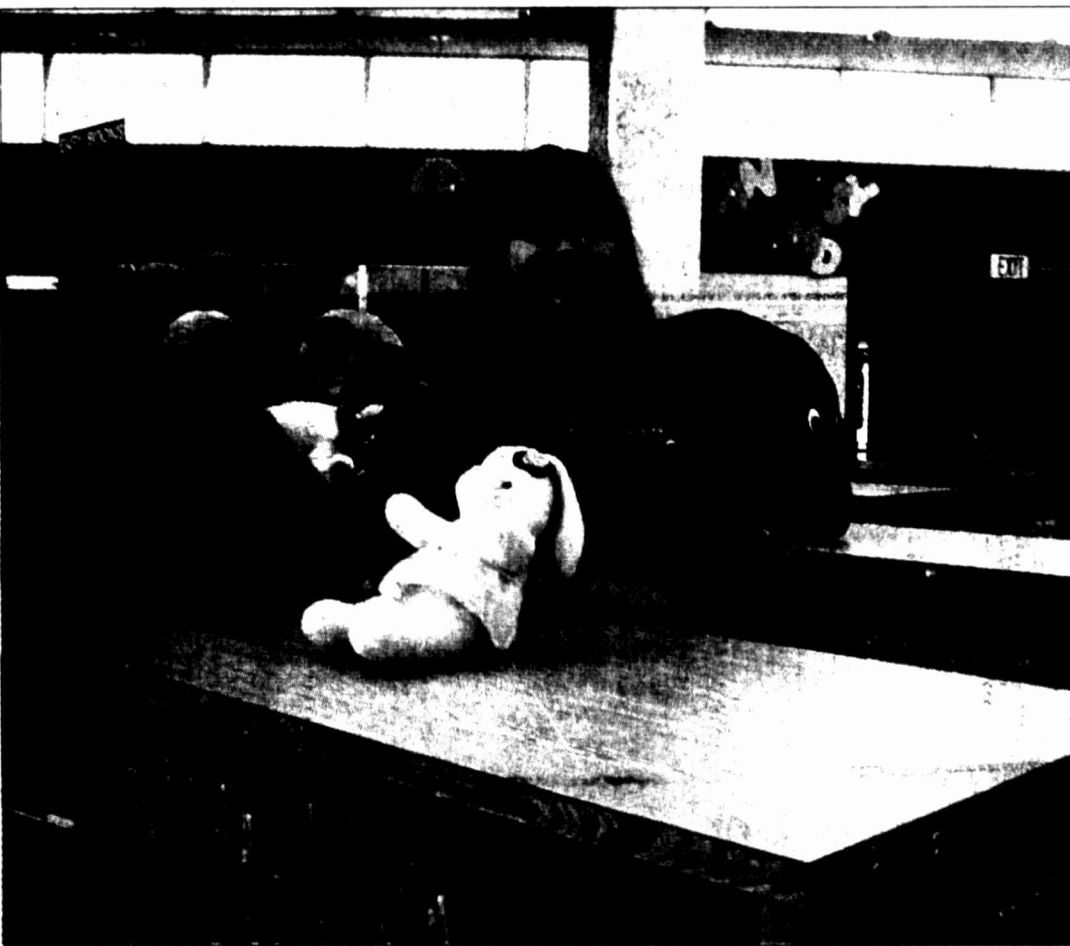
"This decision helps assure that all West Texas producers have unrestricted access to crude markets."

Plains Pipeline had announced in January that a dispute between owners of the Mesa Pipeline System might lead to its shutdown July 1. Morris said at that time that while Alon would rather buy its crude directly from the Mesa Pipeline System, other oil producers in the West Texas area as well as Alon's own Amdel Pipeline System could be utilized if need be.

As a result, Alon announced steps to provide its refinery with additional crude supply options by entering into a separate agreement with Sunoco Pipeline.



Morris



The Howard County Library has a new face in the children's section. Amy Thomas joins the team as the new children's librarian. For information on her new program for teens, contact her at the library located at 500 S. Main or call 264-2262.

HERALD Photo/Andria Medlin

## New children's librarian enjoys using creativity

By ANDREA MEDLIN

Staff Writer

A new face is on the scene at the Howard County Library. After teaching pre-kindergarten for 11 years at Rainbow Christian Preschool, Amy Thomas decided to pursue her passion for books and children in another venue.

"I love books and working with children," said Thomas. "Putting the two together seemed like a good idea."

Finally putting her master's degree to use was a big plus as well. Although a degree in English was not her first choice, the urging of a professor at UTPB led her to change her mind.

"Teaching kids to read and getting them excited about reading is important to me."

—Amy Thomas

"I originally wanted an art degree," she explained. "I had an awesome art teacher in high school and they told me at UTPB that I knew more about art than they did and that I should try something else."

The innate curiosity of children and willingness to fearlessly use their imagination serves as

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## Politicians float ideas to ease pain at the pump

By H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans advocate sending \$100 rebate checks to millions of taxpayers, and a Democrat is leading the campaign for a 60-day gasoline tax holiday.

Either way, it seems no one in Congress wants to be without a plan, however symbolic, to attack the election-year spike in

gasoline prices.

A vote is possible as early as this week on the Senate GOP approach, which calls for \$100 rebate checks for taxpayers to cushion the impact of higher gasoline prices. The measure seems unlikely to prevail, at least initially, since it includes a highly controversial proposal to open a portion of Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

Senate Republicans also favor

extending a tax break that manufacturers receive for each hybrid vehicle they make, and want President Bush to suspend deliveries to the nation's strategic petroleum reserve for six months.

Democrats seemed caught off guard by the GOP maneuvering, but a spokesman said they would have a plan of their own.

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J.,

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## Exxon posts 7 percent profit growth

DALLAS (AP) - Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest oil company, said today that higher oil prices drove first-quarter profit up 7 percent from the prior year.

Net income rose to \$8.4 billion, or \$1.37 per share, in the January-March period from \$7.86 billion, or \$1.22 per share, a year ago.

Excluding a gain on the sale of an interest in China's Sinopec, the company's year-ago profit was \$7.4 billion, or \$1.15 per share.

In January, Exxon posted the highest quarterly and annual profits of any U.S. company in history: \$10.71 billion for the fourth quarter of 2005 and \$36.13 billion for the full year.

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### SEGREGATING ORDINANCE

LUBBOCK (AP) — City Council members voted unanimously Wednesday to repeal a 1923 ordinance restricting where black residents could live, even though it's unclear if the rule was ever officially approved.

"We don't want anything like this on our books... to spoil our future in our community," Councilman Floyd Price, who proposed repealing the ordinance, commented.

Ordinance 225 banned people with at least "one-eighth negro blood" from living west of Avenue C and north of 16th Street, unless they resided in servants' quarters.

### BRINGING HOME THE BACON

WHEELING, W.Va. (AP) — Call it a case of pignapping.

Wheeling police found a missing potbelied pig early Wednesday in the back seat of a car reported stolen in Ohio.

The car's owner, who wasn't identified, had told the Belmont County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department that the pet pig was in the vehicle when it was stolen Tuesday afternoon from a restaurant parking lot.

Officers began following the car after they saw a man stagger to it at an intersection. William N. Ward, 50, of St. Clairsville, was charged with receiving stolen property, driving under the influence and driving on a revoked license.

### RABIES CLINIC SLATED

A rabies clinic will be held at the Forsan Fire Station from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. The clinic is being held under the sponsorship of Debra Hill, DVM, Western Hills.

Prices are as follows:  
Rabies, \$6.  
Booster, \$12.  
Bordetella, \$13.  
Parvo, \$8.  
DM, \$6.  
Feline CVR, \$11.  
Feline CVR and Leukemia, \$20.

The fire station is on Main Street in Forsan.

## Obituaries

## Charles Davis



Charles Davis, 47, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, April 24, 2006, at Oklahoma University Medical Center Presbyterian Tower in Oklahoma City. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 12, 1958, in Seminole to Fran and Aubrey Dee Davis. He grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1979. He attended Howard College and later Oklahoma City Community College.

Charles married Florinda Pineda, Aug. 24, 1981, in Big Spring. Since leaving Big Spring, Charles has lived in Odessa, Wichita Falls and Oklahoma City. He was a professional truck driver, having worked several years for J.B. Hunt and more recently for A&A Trucking of Oklahoma City.

Charles had also worked several years for the Oklahoma City Water Department. His hobbies were reading, model cars, martial arts and antiques. He attended the Penn Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City.

He is survived by his wife, Florinda Davis of Oklahoma City; one son, Jason Davis of Oklahoma City; two daughters, Kim Davis and Melody Davis, both of Oklahoma City; one granddaughter, Daisey Chambers of Oklahoma City; mother and stepfather, Fran Mathie and her husband, Mike of Big Spring; three sisters, Lorraine Headrick and her husband, Robin of Houston, Pamela Ann Richards and Audrey Gail Alfano and her husband, Kenny, all of Big Spring; one nephew, John Baker of Big Spring; six nieces, Katrina Headrick and Rachael Headrick, both of Houston; Gina Dockens and her husband, Tim of Mountain Home, Idaho; Tiffany Richards of Mansfield, Stephanie Coates and her husband, Terry Jr. and Deanna Baker, all of Big Spring; two great-nephews, John D. Baker Jr. of Houston and Aiden Dockens of Mountain Home, Idaho; two aunts, Lucille Cates of Lubbock and Nora Davis of Woodville; mother-in-law, Lupe Pineda of Big Spring; four brothers-in-law, Johnny Flores, Carlos Rodriguez and Mike Pineda, all of Oklahoma City and Angel Pineda of Halton; and one sister-in-law, Belinda Pineda of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aubrey Dee Davis, one brother, Lynn Davis, grandparents, Letus and Vera Davis and Emery and Mary Townsend, five uncles, Buddy Davis, David Davis, T.W. Davis, L.B. Davis and Wilbur Townsend, two aunts, Rachel Davis and Dot Carty and his father-in-law, Manuel Pineda.

Pallbearers will be Robin Headrick, John Baker, Kenny Alfano, Ralph Alfano, Angel Pineda and Terry Coates Jr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Mozelle Saunders Sparkman

Mozelle Saunders Sparkman, 96, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Stanton, died Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Hoot Leonard officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

She was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Anderson County to David Clark Saunders and Maggie Irene Henderson Saunders. She married Colonel Sparkman Sept. 9, 1937, in Lenora. He preceded her in death Feb. 6, 1997. They operated the Sparkman Livestock Sale in Elk City, Okla., for 30 years.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, Jack, Melvin, El, Dee and Dan Saunders and her son-in-law, Mark "Buzz" Bradshaw.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandra Mozelle and Jerry Tyner of Oklahoma City and Carolyn Sue and Larry Dawson of Arnett, Okla.; one sister, Allie Jo Martin of Stanton; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Beatrice (Bea) Webb

Beatrice (Bea) Webb, 88, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, April 27, 2006, in a San Antonio hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Carlota Rodriguez

Carlota Rodriguez, 83, of Coahoma died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Clint Grizzard

Clint Grizzard, 72, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

- STEVEN RODRIGUEZ, 44, of 1415 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on eight local warrants.
- SIMON ZUBIATE JR., 25, of 1600 Oriole, was arrested Wednesday on two local capias warrants.
- SELENA HUNT, 44, of 1318 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on three local capias warrants.
- NORBERT KUECK, 43, transient, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and theft.
- DEMETRIUS LYNN PRUITT, 39, of 1402 Wood, was arrested Thursday on charges of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.
  - in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 700 block of Pine.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- HOLLY KAY ROGERS, 22, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon (handgun) and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- CHELSEA LEE RICHARDSON, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for forgery of a financial instrument (two counts).
- BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- JUAN CARDONA, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for a false statement to obtain property/credit.
- NATHANAEL RYAN ALLARD, 24, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a parole violation.
- MYRELL SIMPSON, 32, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of East 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Scott. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Pine. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the VAMC.

## Take note

• NINE PUPPIES IN COAHOMA NEED RESCUING. Mother is homeless and all are in need of a good home. Call 267-7387.

• WIREWOOD JEWELRY SALE from until 5 p.m. today and 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center lobby, sponsored by the SMMC Volunteers.

• CORI MYERS, HOWARD COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, PRESENTS "WHAT'S MISSING FROM YOUR PANTRY," from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Spring City Senior Center Tuesday. Lunch follows the program. The senior center is located at 1901 Simler and is open weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., providing lunch and numerous activities for senior citizens over the age of 60.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM SILVER WINGS BALL SATURDAY beginning at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available now by calling 264-1999.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email [editor@bigspringherald.com](mailto:editor@bigspringherald.com)

## TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Banquet begins at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

- Hangar 25 Air Museum Silver Wings Ball at 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## MONDAY, MAY 1

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with damaging winds and large hail. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with damaging winds and large hail. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. The chance of rain is 70 percent.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms in the evening...Then isolated showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Windy...Cooler. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds in the evening. Lows in the lower 50s. Northwest winds 20 to 30 mph decreasing to 10 to 20 mph after midnight.

## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

6-8-14-23-32  
Bonus Ball: 52  
(six, eight, fourteen, twenty-three, thirty-two; Bonus Ball: fifty-two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$33 million  
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 4-18-22-23-30

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-9

## Correction

In a story featured in the Tuesday edition of the *Big Spring Herald*, Howard County Commissioner Gary Simer was incorrectly identified as having rescinded a motion for a 96-bed facility adjacent to the district courthouse. Despite having been listed on the meeting agenda, the motion to rescind by both Simer and Commissioner Emma Brown was never entertained.

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## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

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## Animal Vaccines

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 2006

WHERE: Coahoma Fire Dept.  
214 North 1st

TIME: 9:00-12:00 & 1:30-5:00

COST:

Rabies .....\$5.00

Dog Distemper, Parvo etc.....\$10.00

Cat Distemper etc.....\$10.00



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# THOMAS

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Thomas' inspiration. "Teaching kids to read and getting them excited about reading is important to me," she explained.

The daughter of a missionary, Thomas has lived in various parts of the country, including New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Kansas and, "All over Texas." She has a strong background in phonics as well as a vast knowledge of art.

Thomas is hoping to inspire

children to freely express themselves through creative programs.

"I am adding a program for teens in seventh grade and over," she said.

The Texas Sage Poetry Corner, in remembrance of Sage Gibson, a local youth who succumbed to cancer in recent months, will encourage youths to express themselves through poetry.

"They can either read a poem that they wrote or one of their favorite poems by another poet," she said.

The program will meet from 3

p.m. to 4 p.m. on June 8 and every Thursday in the reference section in July and August until school starts.

Traditional library programs will remain including Story Time every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and an old favorite, the Summer Reading Program — this year with a theme of "Reading: the Sport of Champions."

Thomas' background in art has proven to be a great asset in developing these programs.

"I always use crafts when teaching kids to read," she explained and added that color-

ing inside the lines is not a requirement.

"For one of my lessons, I'll show impressionist and cubist paintings and then ask the kids 'Did this person color inside the lines?'" Thomas explained. "Then I tell them that somebody thought these paintings were pretty enough to be put in a book. Hopefully, this will encourage them to freely express themselves. Finger dexterity can be taught through object manipulation so coloring inside the lines isn't a big deal to me."

While she has plenty of teach-

ing experience, working in a library has proven an exciting and welcome challenge.

"I really enjoy working here and I've learned something new every day," Thomas said. "The ladies are great and have been very patient with me."

For more information about the Library or its children's programs, call 264-2260. The library is located at 500 S. Main.

To contact Andrea Medlin, call the Herald at 263-7331 or e-mail [newsdesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:newsdesk@bigspringherald.com)

# SANE

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emergency room and met by friendly medical professionals.

"The things I look for are cleanliness and how a victim will be received and this program is seamless and organized, ideal for a victim of any age, race or gender. It flows...it's wonderful," Cone said.

She also told the law enforcement professionals and victim advocates attending the meeting she is available to answer any questions they may have and she will not hesitate to direct them to the proper department if there's a question she can't answer.

"We're a two-person department and I can give you aspirin if you have a headache but I don't do brains scans," she said in explanation.

Lisa Zapata-Maling, SANE development specialist for the OAG, outlined four areas that the



Lisa Zapata-Maling, SANE community development specialist, talks with the Sexual Assault Response Team during a meeting Wednesday. The local SANE program received high praise from the OAG SANE representatives for its professionalism, protocol, team work and facilities.

program needs to address, including payment procedures for the hospital and the nurses, having a case review meeting that brings closure and critique for the nurses, timing for signing the cooperative agreement between the counties and

Victim Services and protocol for the various components that create the SART.

Meeting during an election period might be the best time to discuss the local agreements, with the signing done once elections are complete,

she said.

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith explained the method his department uses to facilitate paying for the examinations. The OAG's office reimburses the law enforcement branch, police or sheriff, that

orders the examination, Zapata-Maling said.

"You have created a program that has remained focused on the victim and this is all about the victim. I wish all our programs were like this one," said Zapata-Maling.

Cone said she is currently re-writing the state's protocol and once the document is complete, the local program will receive it and be able to modify the components to fit with community needs.

"We want to know where this team made a difference in a victim's life," Cone said.

Those attending the meeting included Shann Smith, Renee Burleson and Denise Hester from Victim Services, SANE nurses Christine Everett, Cynthia Schaffner and family nurse practitioners Les White and Kim Shaffer.

From Snyder, Lyndia Allen, Brenda Arend and Anita Goodger with Gateway Family Services along with Snyder Chief

of Police Terry Luecke and Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson attended, as did Borden County Sheriff Billy Gannaway and Jill Freeman. Stanton Chief of Police Michael Adams attended also.

Smith and Sgt. Tony Everett represented the BSPD.

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ramon N. "Tito" Holguin, Jr., 69, died Monday. Vigil Service will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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### Two charged in attack at party

SPRING (AP) — Two teenagers were due in court today for allegedly beating and sexually assaulting another teen who reportedly tried to kiss a 12-year-old girl at a party.

Keith Robert Turner, 17, and David Henry Tuck, 18, have been charged with aggravated sexual assault.

Harris County Sheriff's detectives say they forced the teenager out of the house party Saturday and began beating him.

The suspects are accused of stripping the clothes off the 16-year-old victim and then sodomizing him with a metal pipe, according to the criminal complaint filed in the case.

The victim remained in critical condition Wednesday.

Detectives said Turner and Tuck shouted racial epithets during the attack. They apparently tried to cover-up the crime by pouring bleach on his body.

The 16-year-old, who was not identified, was left at the scene and not discovered until the next day. He suffered severe internal injuries.

### Judge strips doctor of title

HOUSTON (AP) — To drive home a physician's punishment for drug and fraud convictions, a federal judge ordered her to drop the titles doctor and M.D. and correct anyone addressing her as such.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner added the title stipulation Wednesday to a sentence of 10 years in prison for Callie Hall Herpin, 35.

"I consider you a disgrace to every physician in this country who adheres to the ethics of the medical profession and to the Hippocratic oath," Hittner told Herpin.

Herpin got five years for issuing unnecessary prescriptions for pain pills and codeine-fortified cough syrup. Prosecutors said her office produced prescriptions for 1.8 million tablets of hydrocodone, known by brand names such as Vicodin, and 2,500 gallons of promethazine with codeine over two years.

# ALON

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That agreement was to supply up to 40,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude to the Big Spring Refinery from the Gulf Coast via the Amdel pipeline, connected to Sunoco's Nederland crude terminal. Alon is also finalizing other crude supply sources to provide another 24,000 bpd to the refinery to further

increase its operating flexibility.

Wednesday's announcement means Alon can still have those sources available, while being assured access to the Mesa Pipeline System, which typically supplies 90 percent of the crude oil refined at the Big Spring Refinery.

# GASOLINE

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has proposed a 60-day suspension in the federal tax on gasoline and diesel, a holiday that he says would cut the cost of gasoline by more than 18 cents a gallon and reduce the price of diesel fuel by more than 24 cents a gallon.

The Senate Finance Committee provided additional evidence of the lawmakers' scramble to respond. In a rare move, the panel requested tax returns from the country's major oil and gas companies as part of an investigation into industry profits and soaring gasoline costs.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the committee's chairman, said senators were concerned about the "record profits and significant executive compensation in the oil and gas industry."

"I want to make sure the oil companies aren't taking a speed pass by the tax man," Grassley said in a statement.

With gasoline prices soaring and oil companies announcing record profits, "it's relevant to know what the real financial picture is for this industry," added Montana Sen. Max Baucus, the panel's ranking Democrat.

It's highly unusual for the Senate committee to seek corporate tax records. The last time it

made such a request to the IRS it involved the tax records of the bankrupt Enron Corp.

The committee announcement came as Washington scrambled to respond to public anger over soaring gasoline prices — \$3 a gallon or more in many parts of the country — and try to contain the political fallout.

Tuesday, Bush suspended filling of the nation's emergency oil reserve, urged the waiver of clean air rules to ease local gas shortages and called for the repeal of \$2 billion in tax breaks for profit-heavy oil companies. He also urged lawmakers to expand tax breaks for the purchase of fuel-efficient hybrid automobiles.

Both Republicans and Democrats said they planned to support rescinding the \$2 billion in tax breaks, which included subsidies for exploration in deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico and in geologically or politically difficult regions of the world, as well as royalty relief for certain oil and gas exploration. Executives of the major oil companies said at a recent hearing they do not need those tax breaks.

House and Senate conferees — as part of a broader tax package — were also considering a measure that would change accounting rules involving oil held in inventory, which would force the five biggest oil companies to pay an addi-

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## EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

## Chaplains Corps needs donations for Bible project

It has often been noted here that there never seems to be a shortage of worthy causes in our community. In fact, it seems as if almost every day we here at the *Herald* are using this space to encourage reader support for one good cause or another.

And that is again the case today, because the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is in need of financial support for its ongoing project of providing Bibles published specifically for firefighters' and law enforcement officers.

A couple of years ago, representatives from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Big Spring Police Department, Victim Services, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room stressed the need for an emergency services chaplaincy program in Howard County during a community awareness meeting when it appeared a volunteer ministry would go by the wayside.

Consequently a permanent program, the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps, was established by a group of community leaders. Now overseen by Senior Chaplain Joel Miller, the ESCC has several ministers from the community who have been trained and volunteer their services.

Those chaplains provide front line aid for lawmen, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency room personnel. What's more they're also on hand to help Victims Services staff members and personnel.

We sometimes forget that first responders are human and are quite often placed in situations where they are emotionally traumatized. And all too often, they have a difficult time opening up and sharing their feelings with those around them.

That's where Miller and the other ESCC volunteers have a tremendous impact on our community. In ministering to the needs of emergency personnel, accident victims and others, they impact virtually everyone.

And part of that ministry has been to provide these special Bibles to all the firefighters and law enforcement officers who've requested them.

As of today, Miller says he's distributed about 140 of the Bibles, which cost the ESCC \$16 each.

"I've got about 20 on hand right now and it looks like we still need to order another 40 or so, so we're still needing about \$500 to \$700," Miller said, noting that funding for the project has come from local churches and some individual donors.

Miller said he has also had discussions with the publisher of the Bibles, and while there not yet specialty Bibles for paramedics and emergency room personnel, they may soon be available as well.

While the ESCC's project doesn't require a large amount of money at the moment, it should be noted that all of the chaplaincy's funding comes from donations or charitable grants. Therefore, donations are needed to make sure all of the community's first responders who wish to have one of the Bibles gets one.

We at the *Herald* encourage those wanting to help to mail donations to the Emergency Services Chaplains Corps at 400 E. Fourth, Big Spring 79720. For more information, Miller can be contacted at 267-4082.

We're convinced we will be blessed as a result of support for this ESCC project.

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You have everything we need, Lord, thank You for being in our life.

Amen

## Black market for organs growing

Two years ago, *The New York Times* ran a story about a 48-year-old

Brooklyn woman who, facing death after years of dialysis treatments and failing health, received a kidney from a Brazilian peasant who was paid \$6,000 for the organ. The chilling story bared the human misery that surrounds the black market on human parts. Some donors faced ill health and even (unlike the recipients) prosecution. The kidney recipient talked to the *Times* reporter, but felt enough shame that she did not want her name in the newspaper.

Last week, *The San Francisco Chronicle* ran a story by reporter Vanessa Hua about a San Mateo, Calif., man who flew to Shanghai and paid \$110,000 for a liver — with nary a thought about human-rights activists' contention that China has executed prisoners in order to harvest their organs. Not only was Eric De Leon's name in the paper, he even has a blog about his Shanghai transplant. The man clearly is not ashamed.

Last year, the Chinese deputy health minister admitted, as he promised reform, that the organs of executed prisoners were sold to foreigners. This month, the *South China Morning Post* reported that a leading Chinese transplant surgeon estimated that more than 99 percent of transplanted organs in China came from executed prisoners.

Did De Leon, 51, try to find out who the 20-year-old liver donor was, or if the donor was an executed prisoner? "Not really," he said when I called him Monday. He claimed he wasn't aware of the controversy until he arrived in China.

Besides, China's "not the only country" to engage in questionable

organ-transplant practices. Meanwhile, his blog informs readers that in China "the No. 1 crime punishable by death, and the most common crime committed, is drug smuggling" — besides, donors have to consent. (De Leon probably didn't check out Amnesty International's report that in China, a person can be sentenced to death for tax fraud or embezzlement.)

Anyway, he said, "they weren't executed for me. It could have been a car accident." And if, by some twist of fate I had cancer and needed a healthy liver, "let's see how fast you're in line," he said.

What a country. If affluent people want a body part and have cash, they can get the organ abroad — from a dead prisoner or a live peasant. You see, De Leon tells me, he has family obligations.

Americans aren't the only offenders in this tale. According to news reports, Koreans, Japanese and Israelis also have gone to China for organ transplants.

Maybe they look at other inequities in the world and figure one more inequity won't make a difference. Maybe they convince themselves that they are so special they have a right to an operation that they know could cost another man his life. Besides, they didn't create a world in which the rich get better health care.

Black-market organ recipients, however, now are changing the world. Today, you don't have to be filthy rich — just affluent — to buy someone else's vital organs. (De Leon is a construction superintendent.)

In this brave new world, the recipient of an organ of dubious origin need not hide or feel shame. De Leon and his wife are online, trading tips on Chinese transplants. They're clearly not afraid that neighbors will shun them for their moral depravity, or that the parents of their children's friends will be appalled. If anything, they act as if they feel empowered.

Ditto Daniel Farley of Sebastopol, Calif., who also had a liver transplant in Shanghai. "I'm a fairly liberal guy, and it's not the greatest thing to think about," Farley told *The Chronicle*. "But when you're faced with a certainty — and (the donors) have a certainty — it's easier to take. Either someone was sentenced to die or it was their time."

I could make a gratuitous crack about liberalism, but I won't because I have no doubt that some conservatives have engaged in the same body-parts snatching. When utilitarianism becomes a substitute for right and wrong, the end result is a lot more wrong.

Or as the De Leons blogged, "You and I have no right and are in no position to know and/or judge China's judicial system." In De Leon's America, you don't judge, you use other people's parts.

Art Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, argued that it is "important that people condemn the practice — church groups, doctors." He likened the China transplant story to "the Titanic syndrome. I'm shoving those women and children out of the way and getting onto that lifeboat."

Human-rights activist Harry Wu, founder of the China Information Center in Virginia, sees a double-standard. Folks here accept a Californian going to China for organs, but what if De Leon came to San Francisco for a liver from someone's father or brother? Wu asked. What would Bay Area folk think then?

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## How dumb do they think we are?

How dumb do they think we are? Dumb as door-knobs is the answer when it comes to lobbying reform.

The House is about to take up a bill that is an insult to you and me and every other American who was horrified by Jack Abramoff's machinations and actually believed, even for a minute, that the scandal might lead to some real change. Forget it.

How about this one: The bill suspends privately funded travel until Dec. 15, so everybody can take golf trips right after the election. Are you fooled? Supposedly, the Ethics Committee, known for doing nothing, will be thinking about coming up with recommendations, which everyone can consider when they get home from golfing in Scotland.

Or what about this? Lobbyists can't fly on corporate jets with members of Congress, but the CEO and every other corporate officer who isn't a lobbyist can. Clever, huh? And you can still provide the plane for the politicians' convenience at a bargain fare. Not that they would be grateful for that or anything.

And that's just the beginning of the fun. Lobbyists can't buy a steak for a member of Congress, but they can spend tens of thousands of dollars hosting an event to honor the congressman at the national party convention, or host a fund-raiser for him, or collect checks for him. Be serious. Who needs the steak? No such thing as a free lunch. How about a free event at the next party confab?

As for gifts to members of

Congress, no change in the law. Keep the giving going ...

The name of this travesty is the Lobbying Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006. It's being carried in the House by Majority

Leader John Boehner and the chairman of the Rules Committee, David Dreier. What it is, really, is the Big Lie. Focus groups say "accountability" is big this year, so that's in the title. But this Republican baby is about maintaining the status quo, not accountability. The Senate bill was weak, but this one is just ridiculous.

Republicans are losing to Democrats on ethics issues by as much as 15 to 20 points in the polls. You'd think that they'd be moved to do something about it, rather than pass a bill that insults the intelligence of the American people. With Tom DeLay, the former majority leader, facing charges for money laundering, two of his former aides having already pled guilty to charges of corruption and former Rep. Randy (Duke) Cunningham facing an extended stay in prison for bribery, you might even think this would be one of those golden moments for reform. Think again.

Not that Democrats are viewed in a much better light.

The fastest growing political party in America, according to poll results presented at the Milken Global Conference by Doug Schoen of Penn, Schoen and Berland, is none of the above. Between 35 per-

cent and 40 percent of the electorate now identifies itself as neither Democrat nor Republican, which suggests that the group we think of as swing voters is growing.

While the data points to real gains by the Democrats in the midterm elections, the public doesn't have a very high opinion of either party, or a very strong sense of where either stands. That might portend the emergence of a third party, were it not for the enormous burdens, both in terms of election laws and the financial barriers, that such a party would face.

Which may be why Republicans think that they can get away with a phony ethics bill. Maybe they figure people just don't care enough about so-called process issues, or will take the "plague on both your houses" approach of holding both parties equally culpable for the mess in Washington. Or maybe not.

The usual rule in congressional elections is that however much people may say they hate Congress — and it's a lot, this time — they still remain loyal to their local representatives. Bills like this one give voters a good reason to forsake any such loyalty. If this is the best your congressman or woman can do, then he or she doesn't deserve your vote. He thinks you're a fool. Are you?

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# Prestige returns

## Buick's Lucerne has understated elegance thanks to reinvention

By **MARK PHELAN**  
Detroit Free Press

It's hard to imagine if you're under 50, but for most of the 20th century, Buick was synonymous with style, power and prestige.

Buicks were the chosen cars of royalty, movie stars and millionaires. Luminaries ranging from the last emperor of China to Cary Grant cherished their Buicks.

The 1980s and '90s were not kind to Buick. The brand so lustrous that GM design chief Harley Earl chose it for the auto industry's first concept car — the legendary 1938 Y-Job convertible — became identified with a succession of bland sedans like the Century and Skyhawk.

The remarkably quiet and accommodating 2006 Lucerne full-size sedan moves Buick a significant step toward General Motors' goal of reinventing the brand as a prestige line, a legitimate competitor for the likes of Lexus and Acura.

The front-wheel-drive Lucerne is a profound improvement in looks, comfort and sophistication from the Park Avenue it replaces. The Lucerne's virtues include a comfortable and tasteful interior, many new features and an available V8.

The Lucerne shares much of its basic structure with the old Buick LeSabre and Park Avenue sedans, but its passenger compartment and exterior styling are all new.

The new car has a restrained elegance, but its looks fall short of the beautiful, flowing shapes that distinguished Buick's glory decades.

Despite the lack of visual drama, the Lucerne drew admiring looks on the street during my test drive, and the big sedan presents a very good value. Prices start at \$25,265 for a CX model powered by GM's aging but able 3.8-liter V6.

With its roots in a Buick V8 that dates to the 1960s, that engine is one of the few things on the road that's probably older than most Buick drivers. It remains smooth and reliable, if somewhat underpowered for a big five- or six-seat sedan, however.

Despite its long and honorable service, the 3.8-liter V6 is Buick's past. The optional 275-horsepower 4.6-liter Northstar V8 that's available in the Lucerne CXL and CXS models is the brand's future, a feature that sets the Lucerne apart from less powerful upscale sedans like the Acura TL, Mercury Montego and Toyota Avalon.

Prices for V8 Lucernes start at \$29,265 for the CXL. I tested a top-of-the-line CXS model with a base price of \$35,265. A handful of useful options — heated and cooled front seats, heated windshield

washer fluid, ultrasonic rear parking assist and a factory-installed remote starter — raised the price to \$36,760. All prices exclude destination charges.

The Northstar is the first V8 in a Buick passenger car since the Roadmaster went out of production a decade ago. It provides smooth and plentiful power for passing and fast highway cruising. The four-speed automatic transmission shifts smoothly, but both fuel economy and acceleration should get a welcome boost in the next year or two when the Lucerne gets a version of GM's upcoming six-speed automatic gearbox.

The car's four-wheel independent suspension provides a soft and comfortable ride without the disconnected, floating feeling that sucked all the fun out of driving most recent Buicks.

The speed-sensitive power steering is direct and provides good feedback.

Standard safety equipment includes powerful antilock disc brakes, traction control, seat-mounted front side air bags and curtain air bags.

A very quiet interior has recently become one of Buick's hallmarks, and the Lucerne is the best example of this yet. Laminated side windows, low-profile windshield wipers, sound insulating materials inserted in much of the car's structural steel and specially shaped sideview mirrors combine to make the spacious and attractive interior nearly as quiet at high speed as when sitting in the driveway. Honing the sideview mirrors for minimum wind noise reduced the range of motion for the power mirrors, however. I had a hard time adjusting them to get an adequate field of view.

That's one of the Lucerne's few shortcomings, however. My only other complaint about the car is that its front-wheel-drive layout gives it a nose-heavy weight distribution that makes it less enjoyable to drive than rear-wheel-drive competitors like the Chrysler 300C or Dodge Charger.

The Lucerne's well-crafted interior is more attractive and comfortable than either of those cars, however. It's 108 cubic feet of interior space and 17 cubic-foot trunk provide more room than the 300C, Charger, Acura TL or Toyota Avalon, but less than the cavernous Mercury Montego.

Combine that with its attractive price and a V8 engine that front- and all-



The 2006 Buick Lucerne CXS

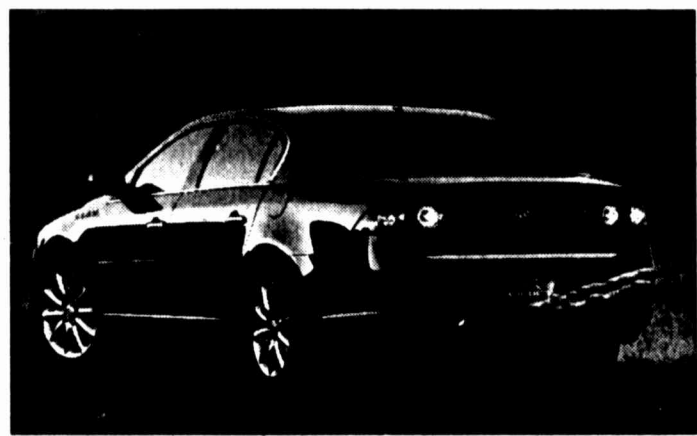
### 2006 BUICK LUCERNE CXS

**Vehicle type:** Front-wheel-drive five-seat full-size sedan

**Base price:** \$35,265 (excluding destination charges)

**As tested:** \$36,760

**Standard equipment:** Antilock brakes, traction control, electronic stability control, variable assist power steering, magnetic-control variable suspension, curtain air bags, a year of OnStar service including Directions and Connections plan, tire-pressure monitor, daytime running lamps, auto-dimming power sideview mirrors, tinted glass, rain-sensing intermittent windshield wipers, 18-inch aluminum wheels, auto-dimming rearview mirror with integral compass, lighted vanity mirrors, eight-way power front seats, two memory settings, air particulate filter, dual-zone automatic climate control, three-month XM satellite radio subscription, cruise control, perforated leather seats, leather-wrapped steering wheel, power locks and windows. **Options:** Remote start, rear parking assist, heated and cooled front seats, AM/FM/MP3-compatible six-disc CD changer, heated washer fluid.



#### Specifications as tested

**Engine:** 4.6-liter DOHC 32-valve V8  
**Power:** 275 horsepower at 5,600 r.p.m.; 290 pound-feet of torque at 4,400 rpm  
**Transmission:** Four-speed automatic  
**Fuel economy:** 17 mpg city/25 mpg highway  
**Wheelbase:** 115.6 inches  
**Length:** 203.2 inches  
**Width:** 73.8 inches  
**Height:** 58.0 inches  
**Curb weight:** 4,013 pounds

Comparative base prices (not including destination charges)

**Chrysler 300C:** \$33,625  
**Mercury Montego Premier:** \$26,880

wheel-drive competitors like the TL, Montego and Avalon can't match, and the Lucerne has a lot to offer any driver who puts a premium on comfortable cruising over long distances.

The stylish chrome portals in the Lucerne's front fenders show that somebody at GM has been studying the brand's history.

The next step should be to hand that history book

to Buick's engineers and designers and tell them to build a car as fast and beautiful as the powerful sedans that defined Buick

for decades.

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## Contract Bridge

Better Safe Than Sorry

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ 6 5  
♥ J 9 8 4 3 2  
♦ A 8  
♣ J 7 3

**WEST**  
♦ J  
♥ Q 10 6 5  
♦ 5 2  
♣ Q 10 8 5 4 2

**EAST**  
♦ 10 9 3 2  
♥ K  
♦ J 10 7 6 4  
♣ A K 6

**SOUTH**  
♦ A K Q 8 7 4  
♥ A 7  
♦ K Q 9 3  
♣ 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass  
4♣

Opening lead — five of clubs.

At the beginning of play, it is not sufficient for declarer to adopt an approach merely because it seems likely to succeed. Rather, he should seek the line of play that offers the maximum chance of success.

Consider this deal from a pairs tournament. At most tables, the final contract was four spades, but about half the declarers finished down one after failing to find the approach that offered the greatest chance of yielding 10 tricks.

A club was the usual opening lead. South ruffing East's ace on the second round. At the tables where the contract failed, declarer next cashed the A-K of diamonds and then tried to ruff his low diamond in dummy. West ruffed with the jack, and since South still had to lose a heart and a trump trick, the result was down one.

While these declarers were admittedly unlucky to find the diamonds divided 5-2 and the trumps 4-1, and even more unlucky that the player with the doubleton diamond held a singleton high trump, the fact remains that they did not give themselves the best chance to make their contract.

Since there was always the possibility — however remote — that one opponent might have been dealt fewer than three diamonds plus a singleton 9,10 or J of trumps, it would have been more prudent for declarer to draw one round of trumps before tackling the diamonds. This would have made it impossible, assuming no worse than a 4-1 trump break, to lose a trick to a diamond ruff and also a subsequent trump trick.

Those declarers who made four spades saw that it could cost them nothing to cash a high trump at trick three, so they took this simple extra precaution. The others paid the full price for their omission.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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# CRIME VICTIMS AWARENESS WEEK

## A story of two sisters Victim recalls years of abuse

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Features Editor

*Editor's note: To recognize Crime Victim's Awareness Week, one local woman agreed to share the story of her years of childhood sexual abuse, in the hopes that her speaking out would help other women come forward and seek help. Her name and the name of her sister have been changed. Readers are cautioned about the explicit nature of this article and the offensive language. Discretion is advised.*

Lacey tells her story rapidly, jumping from one event to another. Her breathing is rapid and her eyes dart about the landscape, as if the trees might have the answers she still seeks.

"I didn't have any type of childhood and if I had had a chance, I'd be normal. All my problems stem from this and I know if I'd had a good childhood, well, I'd have a great life if I'd had a great childhood," Lacey said.

Lacey and her sister, Amber, were sexually molested by their stepfather, beginning when Lacey was 6 and ending when he was prosecuted and convicted, after her 11th birthday.

But it's not the details of the abuse she chooses to share; it's the healing she has experienced and the steps she has taken to reach a place in her life where she holds her head high and plans a future for her family.

"I'm going back to college in August and I am determined to get my bachelor's degree. I am a survivor and I have pushed through the hard times, we both have," she said.

Married and raising five children, Lacey is now 27; Amber, 29, is also married and expecting her third child.

"Having my own children is what made me realize that if I didn't do something, they would be screwed up, too. And it's the job of every parent to

provide stability and consistency for their children. When I look back, the only thing consistent in my childhood was him molesting me," she said.

Lacey has experienced and overcome many of the symptoms other sexual abuse victims experience — trust and intimacy issues, insomnia, relationship problems, drug abuse and alcoholism, anger, distrust, impulse control problems, a lack of coping skills, safety issues — life issues, she said.

"I had no pride, no self esteem, I was depressed, had been since I was 8 or 9. All through my teenage years I never felt happy. I acted out my teen-age years and I was very bitter," she said.

Lacey sought professional help and went through counseling for two years. She experienced panic attacks and other physical symptoms as she battled to retrieve her sanity and her life.

"I decided I was not going to let this get the best of me. I'm not going to be 50 years in old in a nut house somewhere. This does a lot of damage to people; I was traumatized and it's like a form of violence without the anger. It violates a person on every level, spiritual, emotional, physical; it's painful, devastating," she said.

Lacey and Amber were fortunate that their abuse was reported. Most sexual abuse victims never report the assault and with a seven-year statute of limitations, by the time they are emotionally ready to take action, the law has abandoned them.

"I've done research and found statistics. The odds are really against us; 98 percent of women who are drug addicts and alcoholics were sexually abused as children. And most never seek help and can't heal from the experience," she said.

The outcry for the two sisters came after Amber played "Skeletons in the Closet" at a slumber party one weekend. Amber told



Lacey hopes her story will give other women the courage to come forward about their abuse and seek healing.

her darkest secret to her friend, who told her mother several days later. Children's Protective Services was called and the family was brought in for questioning.

"I remember the trip in the car to the CPS offices and him and my mom telling us, 'don't say anything.' But when we got there, my mom is the one who told the CPS workers. He was arrested right there and took a plea agreement of 25 years for aggravated sexual assault of a child. They were going to seek 99 years to life if he forced us to testify," she said.

Lacey said she doesn't remember much of the interviews or the medical examinations from that period. She still struggles with the relationship she has with her mother, a symptom shared by other adults molested as children (ANAC), and understands how difficult it is to raise children.

"This must have been like a train wreck in her life. Her entire world was taken away. My mom worked so hard, all the time, trying to take care of her three children. He didn't help and did drugs — methamphetamine and cocaine and pot. I was awful to her and acted out a lot," she said.

Over the years, Lacey and Amber kept watch over parole hearings and visited prisons to protest

their offender's early release. But in December of 2004, Lacey knew it was time to take her healing to another level. She and her sister learned of a mediation program offered through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. They applied for an opportunity to confront their offender face to face.

"People asked me over and over and over 'why do you want to do this.' I told Amber I needed to forgive him and not hate him and she said that was fine, she would hate him for me. We started requesting records from the case and were turned away. People kept questioning us," she said.

Lacey asserted her own rights and obtained some of the records. "They don't have the right to question a victim — that's their life in those reports and they have a right to those papers."

And in July of 2005, Lacey and Amber traveled to the prison and confronted their stepfather.

"I looked at him and thought, 'WOW, he's nothing.' I know he will never hurt anyone again and I never want to see him again. I'm not his friend but I don't want to be his enemy either. I don't want to be anyone's enemy."

They had two days at the prison. The first day

she and Amber toured parts of the facility, to view the living conditions and accommodations. She said there really isn't TV all day and they found out their offender wakes at 4 a.m. each day and works until 3 p.m., with breaks for meals.

"We had nine pages of questions to ask him. I told him he's a sick (...) and asked him how dare he violate me and my husband, my life and about all the problems through the years. He said he was sorry and that he wishes he'd known better. He talked about the drugs and how he was traumatized himself. But when I asked him why he made me (have oral sex with him) every day after kindergarten class, he started bawling."

"It felt like we were kicking him with every question, every accusation. He screwed up my life and he had no right to do that. We took a break after three and a half hours and when I went outside, I could feel the hate leaving me. I walked out in the sunshine and the flowers and it felt like my light was back on, it felt like my life was back," she said.

Lacey said the visit ended after four more hours of questions and accusations.

She left after telling him to remain true to his newfound faith in God and to

not allow the evilness back in.

"I hugged him and told him I could see God in his eyes. Before, his eyes were so cold when he was with us, but now I look in his eyes and I can see that he feels all the pain he's caused. He has nothing, no children, his own family won't speak to him, his entire life just wasted," she said.

Lacey admits there are still moments when the old anger and instability return, but she believes God reminds her that she has forgiven this man. She will not allow anyone to watch her children and she is suspicious whenever she sees men with children.

But she looks forward to the future and gets stronger and heals more each day.

"I will not let this get the best of me and I will not allow this to affect my children. I feel stronger and I have better coping skills now. I'm going to make the most of this life. I cannot stress enough how important it is to confront the offender."

"I'm a survivor and my hope is that if even one woman sees my story and it gives her the courage to seek help and healing, then it's worth it."

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## In her own words

### A victim speaks out about her life and pain

**W**hen I'm alone I run ... Today, I want to stop.

Today I want to be who I'm suppose to be but, everyday I'm Not!

When I wake up, I remember where I do not want to be but somehow everyday those places seem to find me.

There is so much inside me wanting to get out. Wanting to show the world the real me without a doubt.

The one who disappeared when she was 7 years old. Seven; whoever would have thought that I was going to be so grown up then. The world is so cold and unfamiliar once...

Once you're touched in a way, that takes you instincts of right from wrong or good and bad, things are never the same.

Then the question starts and the self doubt sets in.

Why did all of this

have to happen to me? What did I do to make this happen? Why did my life have to change?

Why couldn't I be loved enough from my family to believe in me enough to protect me?

Why have I been hurt time and time again?

Why oh why have I hurt myself so much more in the process, just thinking about all of the things that have happened to me.

It makes me feel like there's heat inside my body. It is anger or is it something else?

When I think of all the people who have hurt me, whether mentally, physically or abusively, I feel hate, but mostly hate for myself and resentment towards them.

No matter how much I try, I can't shake off their control.

Why can't they leave me alone?

What is wrong with me?

Why can't I set myself free?

Why must I live in so much misery? I want to find a love that will survive somehow, someday. Love that is real and will never go away. I feel like I am incapable of love in any form. I know that I am unlovable... At least that's what I've been set up to believe.

To say that I've ever known love — No, I have not!! To each his own and to be honest, I am cold-hearted. I will use and do whatever I have to do as long as it's to my advantage.

As long as I am benefited, then that's that matters. I take everything as it comes to me and every blow hurts and I fall down, I eventually get back up for more... Because in my world pain feels good. Pain is comfortable. Come into my world.

From Texas,  
Anonymous

## Hiding

Sometimes I wish ...  
I had another face  
So that I could  
Go to another place.

And maybe when that happens  
I'll find myself  
Someplace else but, Hell

When one door opens  
Another one shuts  
With each open door  
There is hope ...

But as I walk  
Further into the room  
Again I'm on my hands and knees  
Crawling from the doom

When can I open my eyes  
And find what the Lord  
Wants me to see  
I am so much more  
afraid now  
I'm so afraid of me ...

No more loneliness  
No more pain  
No more self-pity  
No more shame

I no longer want to see  
The person in the mirror  
Looking back at me  
I'm going to break the mirror  
One day ...  
And set myself FREE!!

Free from harm, guilt,  
fear, hope, anger, resentment

uncertainty, boredom, free-will,  
worry, not being loved and  
most of all — DANGER!

Freedom from myself  
and the Demons  
that haunt me  
and find me no  
matter where I go

There will be Freedom  
in my life  
Complete love and protection  
away from strife

I cannot be on the  
Losing end any longer  
There is no more  
Room for me to ponder

Can the weak survive?  
People ask and Don't understand  
Will, the answer is...  
Of course, we can  
Maybe not the way  
People, family or friends  
Expect or want us to.

But, the time will come  
To say good-bye  
And we will be  
Done with our journey  
Into darkness and sadness

Until then you will hide  
And so will I

I love Ya'll

From Texas,  
Anonymous

**Grady ISD**

**Fifth Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

12th Grade: Alisha Almand and Taylor Woolfolk.  
11th Grade: Kelsi Howard, Emily Krug, Justin Priblya, Kiersten Russell and Jonathan Tunnell.

10th Grade: Ericka Medina, Roy Rodriguez, Rachel Romine, Kandace Schuelke and Justin Tubb.

Ninth Grade: Kaitlyn Blocker, Ben Kennady, Justina Klassen, Lauren Robinson and Anita Wiebe.

Eighth Grade: Dylan Cox, Max Kennady, Christian Medina and Jordan Schelling.

Seventh Grade: John Ramirez, Carsten Russell and Johan Wiebe.

Sixth Grade: Gerry Adkins, Abbey Hanson, Carly Krug and Morgan McDonald.

Fifth Grade: Brett Glaze, Michael Jimenez Jack Kennady, Jason Klassen, Sarah Matthews, Savannah Sawyer, Issak Unger and Charley Ann Wells.

Fourth Grade: Kristen Blocker, Sadie Fields, Macey Opegard and Aaron Perez.

Third Grade: Ariel Arnold, Jacob Beaty, Bryce Blocker, Julian Helms, Lupita Jimenez, Anna Krahn and Viviana Perez.

Second Grade: Kimberly Enriquez, Emily Glaze, Eva Knelsen, Nicholas Lopez and Tucker Wells.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

12th Grade: Heather Hale, Patricia Howard, Tyler Kinman and Michaela Pruitt.

11th Grade: Aaron Bracken, Sandi Cox, Caleb Guthrie and Josh Pugh.

10th Grade: Morgan Bryant, Santos Montoya, Luciano Najera, Katie Pugh, Lane Shands, Tyler Springer and Matt Webb.

Ninth Grade: Mercedes Bustamante, Patsy Flores, Matthew Meeks, Taylor Pechacek, Geoffrey Schuette and Casey Shands.

Eighth Grade: Maegan Blocker, Sam Harryman, Tyler Matthews and Aubry Sprading.

Seventh Grade: Ariel Bracken, Natasha Enriquez, Zane Robinson and Shane Teague.

Sixth Grade: Ty Beaty and MJ Price.

Fifth Grade: Charmynee Arnold and Cayley Opegard.

Fourth Grade: Billy Frose.  
Third Grade: Christiena Knelson, Tyler Straub, Nancy Wiebe and Jessica Willingham.

Second Grade: Italia Enriquez, Nathan Hernandez and Nelanora Schmitt.

**Big Spring  
Junior High School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

Kayla Arroy, Sabrina Bedell, Natalie Beech, Ashley Billings, Chad Bowles, Courtney Boyd, Dakota Bradbury, Blake Broman, Chanelle Castillo, Katryna Ceniza, Kristina Chang and Deanna Clare.

Victoria Conner, Alexander Crabtree, Nicole Davidson, Sloan Davis, Taylor Digby, Jacob Dominguez, Caprise Fierro, Andrew Fillingim, Patrick Flores, Anjilica Foster, Samone Foster and Josey Galloway.

Mikael Gonzales, Opal Gonzales, Selena Gonzales, Julia Granillo, Jake Hernandez, Sonya Herrera, Colton Ingram, Steven Islas, Nickolas Jones, Joshua Kelly, Quinton Kennemur, May Kincaide, Benjamin Klaassen, Suet Lam, Mathew Lara and Andrew Lewis.

Courtney Long, Angela Lozana, Tyler McKinley, Benjamin Merworth, Jonathan Molina, Skyler Moore, Andrew Newton, Austen Newton, Kaitlyn O'Brien and Alexandra Ortega.

Kevin Osburn, Savina Ramirez, Bryan Raney, Jonathan Ray, David Rios,

Matthew Ritchey, Alyssa Ruiz, Kelly Sage, Austin Sharp, Guadalupe Sifuentes, Ginger Simpson, Courtnie Smith and Jan Stiles.

William Tannehill, Halee Thomas, Stormmie Ward, Jackson Watkins, Hannah Weber, Karlie White, Jessica Womack, Jonathan Womack, Alesha Yanez, Linzee Yarbar and Arelle Young.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Ashlie Aaron, Logan Adams, Matthew Africh, Kodi Aguilar, Alexandria Aguirre, Desiree Anderson, Robert Barraza, Anthony Barrera, Ashley Barrientes, Savana Bedell and Drew Breckenridge.

Taryn Burger, Brantley Cahoon, Taylor Calk, Susan Carnegie, Mari-sol Carrillo, Roulan Ceniza, Pete Chavarria, Anthony Chavez, Barbara Cruz, Bernadette Cruz, Destiny Currie and Chanel Cuvillo.

Devon Davis-Locke, Anjelica Doporto, Jacie Durham, Chaneel Dykes, Marcos Enriquez, Kylie Farmer, Belle Feaster, Michael Felton, Abigail Fierro, Kasey Fitzgibbons, John Flores, Tasia Forman and Albert Franco.

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Tahlea Green, Kara Hembree, Patricia Hendricks, Bernadette Hernandez, Giovana Hernandez, Brenna Hill, Timothy Horton, Chelsey Huckabee, Kelci Jones, Holly Kennedy and Taryn Kennedy.

Matthew Kieffer, Brian Kirk, Dahye Ko, Lacy Lawrence, Martin Leija, John Lewis, Clara Long, Kala Long, Zachery Lopez, Joshua Lujan, John Lyons, Bianca Mancha, Aarika Marin and Iris Martinez.

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John Spence, Jacob Tarver, Elle Torres, Judith Treece, Christopher Turner, Chance Urias, Jillian Valle, Brandi Vaughn, Jessica Villa, Keonna Ward, Karlye Weaver, Rachael Wilkins, Daniel Wilson, Britney Winter, Leo Wright, Anthony Yanez, Martin Yanez, Ethan Yeats, Dayvion Young and Marissa Zavala.

**Goliad Intermediate  
School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

Sixth Grade: Aaron Arispe, Kendra Cook, John Albert Doporto, Stormy Emery, Carl Friddle, Ashton Galan, Laura Herrera, Ambra Hill, Nick Islas and Janelle Leyva.

Lacy McMurtrey, McKenzie Metcalf, Lindsey Roach, Scarlet Robertson, Anna Scott, Selene Sosa, Danielle Strickland, Matt Tompkins, Kelsey Weir, Sydney Winters and Jennifer Ybarra.

Fifth Grade: Chas Anderson, Hope Biemeret, Matthew Davila, Haley Dimidjian, Kaley Duncan, Connor Furqueron, Austin Gibson, Tiffany Gonzales, Tyler Graves and Cayssi Holt. Christopher Hughes, Paige Knowlton, Caleb Lewis, Gustavo Lugo, Michelle Morgan, Katrina Petrowski, Chelsea Ramirez, Hannah Spence and Trent Thomas.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Sixth Grade: Donovan Aguero, Jacquelyn Alvarez, Tonia Arista, Krista Bailey, Charles Beal, Cassie Boehringer, Robin Casebeer, Robyn Castle, Justin Chappell and Ashley Deleon.

Brandi Edwards, Andy Flores, James Fox, George Galloway, Crystal Garcia, Monica Garcia, Amanda Garrard, Caleb Gonzales, Mario Gonzales, Cassie Gross and Sebastian Hernandez.

Zachary Hernandez, Bianca Hilario, Brittany Hilger, Sierra Hinojosa, Johnny Hughes, Sion Long, Trey Lowery, Hunter Mahaney, Bryan McComb, Matthew Mier, Jessica Oliva and Andree Perez.

Laurie Pineda, Allison Perez, Cole Pittman, Angel Rameriz, Crystal Rameriz, Miranda Rodriguez, Morgan Slaughter, Joshua Smith, Pete Sosa, Victoria Sotelo, Garrett Stuteville, Austin Trevino and Seth Yarber.

Fifth Grade: Vanessa Alvarado, Ashlii Beserra Emusche, Robert Buschlen, Shelbi Cannon, Sidni Carrasco, Andrea Cervantez, Valerie Dominguez, Jarred Doporto, Tabitha Ellison, Evelyn Fierro and Elena Flores.

Ayanna Gomez, Belinda Gonzalez, Meagan Grisham, Marissa Hernandez, Marissa Islas, Julie Jimenez, Gunnar Kennedy, Cassie Kirk, Adam Lloyd, Lucas Lopez, Tonya Lopez, A.J. Martinez, Jasmine Martinez and Auden Minjuarez.

Morgan Mitchem, Carina Napier, Amanda Nieto, Allison Payen, Sterling Phernetton, Sarah Reyes, Colton Roberts, Taylor Robertson, Josie Rodriguez, Sabrina Rodriguez, Anastasia Ruiz, Maranda Scott and Vanessa Shellman.

Lisa Smithwick, Justin Stenman, Yaneira Tuit, Maryella Tudon, Savi Vela, Michael Waight, Megan Warner, Brady Weber, Mackenzie Wolf, Logan Yarbar, Paige Yater, Adriela Zavala and Matthew Zubiate.

**Bauer Magnet  
Elementary School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Natalie Ceballos, Brett Cervantes, Destiny Franco, Klarissa Franco, Edward Ornelas, Gavin Quillen, Michael Reyes, Esmeralda Rogers, Alejandro Sotelo and Isaac Timmerman.

Second Grade: Ryan Billingsley, Dustin Garcia, Derek Gusman, Rene Juarez, Kiowa Lesser, Quorcindra Lewis, Ethan Morelino, Michelle Robledo, Kelli Ruth and Destiny Zamora.

Third Grade: Karla Carrasco.  
Fourth Grade: Tyler Avant, Mercedes Estes and Nickolas Gonzalez.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Holder Biemeret, Orlando Chavera, Austin Dannenbaum, Armando Delgado, Arturo Garcia, Brandon Hilario, Caleb Mendoza, Abigail Ramirez, Noe Ramirez and Tyson Ramirez.

Matthew Rios, Raul Robles, Nicolas Romero, Alstion Roper, Francisco Rosales and Angel Zavala.  
Second Grade: Sebastian Calderon, Delia Ceballos, Analicia Cervantes, Victoria Deubler, Manuel Galvan, Alexis Garcia, Sedic Gilliam, Jose Gonzales and Stacy Hernandez.

Ana Mendez, Trista Mize, Andrew Paredes, Devin Perez, Serena Ramirez, Timothy Rios, Jimmy Roper,

Louis Salazar, Haddan Stokes, David Williams and Timothy Yanez.

Third Grade: Hannah Biemeret, Vicki Bustamante, Bianca Correa, Alex Franco, Julissa Gonzales, Shaylee Griffin, Aaron Hinojos, Morgan Pierce and Shannon Robles.

Fourth Grade: Crystal Ballin, Anthony Cisneros, Codey Hembree, Joe Juarez, Dustin Kinard, Bianca Lopez, Rian Molina, Shawna Querheim, Laura Ramirez, Clarissa Rodriguez, Jahnia Willard, Matthew Yanez and Izzak Zamora.

**Kentwood Elementary  
School**

**Five Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

Timothy Goodgame, Brantz Burchett, Kaylee Dyer, Addie Jimenez, Jimmy Saunders, Katie Wash, Bailee Allen, Hannah Alsobrooks, Blake Baldock, Lane Beech, Cameron Crabtree and Matilde Sotelo.

Caytlin Wagner, Erin Wolf, Courtney Berringer, Tyler Hale, Blake Letcher, Jaret McElroy, Caleb Roberts, Mallory Thomas, Nydia Arenivar, Joshua Brown, Kendra Dyer, Brycen Kiker, Autumn Moore and Marcela Norman.

Hannah Overby, Oscar Barraza, Blake Freshour, Patrick Goodgame, Erin Pollard, Kaleb Rankin, Kara Saunders, Stevi Ward, Meagan Graves, Kristina Tubera, Kinsey Wash, Brett Brozman, Seth Mitchem, Brianna Kight and Tony Solis.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Paige Davis, Steve Gamiez, Kagen Maxwell, Ava Minjarez, Brianna Brown, Molly Dawson, Keegan Carrillo, Jack Waddell, Simon Walker-D'Adamo, Bergan Trevino, Haleigh Davidson, Ryan Dimidjian and Stevi Madry.

Ricky Prater, Hunter Wigginton, MaKenzie Word, Ray Montemayor, Jonathan Rudd, Rayla Waight, August Alexander, Joshua Baker, John Fierro, Edward Gamez, Jason Garcia, Tristan Hendrickson and McKenzie Horton.

Mariah Alexander, Jacob Garcia, Ashton Hendrickson, Zachary Hollis, Katie Land, Ty Lawrence, Tyler Powell, Nicholas Sotelo, Ashley Trent, Molly Waddell, Gabby Fair, David Fuller, Marissa Garcia and Valarie Haro.

John Minjarez, Corey Potter, Kelli Wolf, Colby Adams, Alyssa Armentrout, Kaegan Baucum, Matt Beal, Austin Claburn, Jacob Davis, Tucker Durham, Tate Kennedy, Nathan Land and Leah Pistone.

Aron Rios, Jessica Sims, Tyler Stromberg, Brandon Warner, Drake Worthan, Chance Atkinson, Shiloh Creswell, Lane Cannon, Katie Newton, Alexis Cansino, Zach Crabtree, Dustin Fraley, Taylor Heckler and Joshua Morgan.

**Marcy Elementary  
School**

**Fifth Six Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

Kindergarten: Caroline Anchondo, Bailee Bingham, Jay Carpenter, Shelbi Carter, Caden Cline, Christen Crosby, Robbie Jean Downing, Trusten Edmondson, Alexandria Escalera and Leticia Galan. Makayla Galaviz, Anthony Garcia, Destiny Garcia, Alex Garza, Adam Gonzales, Ashley Gonzalez, Alfonso

Gutierrez, Douglas Hall, Haleigh Haven, Justin Henry, Tori Hernandez, Abbey Ignecci, Aaron Juarez and Amber Jones.  
Nathan Lee, Andre Marquez, Ivy Martinez, Chasady Olague, Carlos Olivares, Nate Phillips, Enrique Rangel, Jacobie Rios, Micheal Robledo, Madison Sandell, Harlee Sandridge and LaPaul Scaggs.

Britney Tan, Valatine Torres, Kayla White and Brynn Workman.

First Grade: Braylee Cantu, Chantel Carrillo, Xavier Flores, Austin Lopez, Dominic Martinez, Tiffany Martinez, Rocio Medina, Natanie Mears, Lupita Rodriguez, Ysabel Soliz and Brandi Villa.

Second Grade: Dylan Marquez, Mia Oliva, Alyssa Payne, Alexia Rawls and Kaleb Ward.

Third Grade: Tyler Green and Brandy Knight.  
Fourth Grade: Julie Alvarez, Valerie Petrowski and Diana Vasquez.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Kindergarten: Edward Aguilar, Adrian Alaniz, Valerie Arview, Alexis DeLa Fuente, Sebastian Duenez, Javone Ford, Destiny Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Pryce Gibson, Savannah Grigg, Angel Hernandez, Christian Islas and Scott Jewett.

Everett Jones, Caroline Karavatos, Tyler Leos, Juan Lugo, Kaigen Marbeiter, Ethan Martinez, Brittney Mendez, Krystelle Mikels, Sarah Munoz, Kylie Murphy, Rudy Ortega, Jake Payne, Jimetre Post, Nichole Ramos and Bobbie Rivera.

Mike Rodriguez, Abigail Roper, Jose Vasquez and Mirella Villa.

First Grade: Caitlin Aaron, Christopher Adwell, Oscar Alvarado, Sarah Bethke, Marcos Arrendondo, Mark Arrendondo, Mariah Brehn, Taylor Boydston, Aaron Carroll, Veronica Chavarria, Danta Chavera and Damien Cisneros.

Terence Cross, Dante Flores, Chante Garcia, Jacob Joslyn, Kodi Marbeiter, Bryan Martinez, Chris Martinez, Josh Mata, Juan Mier, Cameron Mikels, Jose Moran, Reagan Munoz, Andrew Pearson and Ronnie Rivera.

Alexis Rocha, Alejandro Rodriguez, Breanna Rogers, Gabriella Rubio, Ashley Saiz, David Salgado, Alexess Sosa, Hannah Valencia, Michelle Venegas, Adrian Wilbert, Arlee Williams, Chase Williams and Arturo Zavala.

Second Grade: Angel Anchondo, Janessa Canales, Chance Carpenter, Cindy Chavera, Edgar Cordova, Trystan Davis, Chance Edwards, William Grigg, Destiny Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, Cory Hilario, Matilda Irvin and Christopher Lopez.

Anne-Marie Lugo, Mykal Mahaney, Richard Martinez, Kami Miramontes, Mark Montez, Samantha Murphy, Jimeka Post, Brent Riffe, Tiffani Ruiz, Tranaesha Smith and Matthew Sturgill.

Third Grade: Sierrah Adams, Nikki Bernal, Annissa Cano, Jordan Decker, Austin Edenfield, Andrea Garcia, Andre Gonzales, Marisol Hilario, Katelyn Ignecci, La'Deija Jones, Kattlin Long and Cindy Lopez.

Ashley Lugo, Kiri Matteson, Dasia McCalister, Jessica Moss, Tyler Nairn, Julie Nunez, Danie Ortega, Desiree Ortega, Brian Ortiz, Morgan Phillips, Savannah Robinson, Juan Rodriguez, Mercedes Ruiz, Israel Saiz,

Louis Tudon and Collin Woodard.

Fourth Grade: Brandon Anchando, Lili Alvarado, Carlos Balcazar, Aaron Calvio, Austin Cantu, Jose Chavez, Jimmy Cruz, Cassie Espinosa, Michael Ford, Adam Garcia, Marissa Garza and Kimberly Gonzalez.

Laura Gonzalez, Brandee Hilger, L.J. Hoey, David Jewett, Yasel Martinez, Karla Moreno, Nancy Payan, Bailey Pittman, Jacob Resendez, Clarissa Ruiz, Pedro Sorola and Marisela Rodriguez.

Diana Vasquez, Nadya Viasana, Molly Walter, MariJane Yanez and Alejandro Zavala.

**Moss Elementary  
School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks  
"A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Aurora Aguirre, Tyson Banks, Zoey Berry, Aaron Blackshear, Michael Campos, Danielle Conner, Dillon Daniel, Garrett Feaster, Bhili Gill, Jasmine Gosse and Kaelee Grosse.

Blantyn Gusman, Hannah Jensen, Abigail Medina, Logan Noble, Reneja Perez, Faith Roberson, Jonathan Rodriguez, Italia Sanchez, Mariah Sarmiento and Zoe Tovar.

Second Grade: Mikaela Biddison, Aimee Cervantes, Bailee Chase, Toby Cotton, Kaytlin Feemster, Charisma Fierro, Morgan Flores, Madyson Gartman, Madison Gibson, Jacee Hall and Lee Karwewsky.

Anthony Lopez, Audrey Lopez, Brooke Marshall, Ben Mikeska, Faith Norman, Mike Scott, Lexie Trevino, Dylan Watson, Matthew Wood and Kristian Yeats.

Third Grade: Charlie Boling, Tyler Bryan, Jackie Castillo, Carlee Daniel, Alyssa Deanda, Angela Garza, Jared Nieto, Julianna Rodriguez, Dylan Ross, Aloura Scott, Bailey Sharp, Jennie Steel, Gloria Stinson and Tobyn Tannehill.

Fourth Grade: Taylor Arista, Sarah Black, Casey Cervantes, Adam Franco, Kelsie Guinn, Catherine Harris, Zach Ludington, Brady Mikeska, Devin Roberson, Brandon Soliz, Jessica Spears, Connor Steel, Gabbie Trevino, April Valle and Amy Winters.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Jaci Aguilar, Brittany Arriaga, Ray Barrientos, Mariah Cervantez, Astin Cooper, Donte Cox, Emily Crawford, Misty Davis, Jessica Gonzales, Vaughn Green, Ron Hale, Gloria Haliburton and Emily Hernandez.

Charlie Leos, Kyle Long, Kaitlyn Mathews, Hailey Moore, Adrian Ramirez, Roshia Redford, Amanda Renteria, Gabriel Salazar, Tristan Saunders, Lauren Smith, Jenavee Striegler and Michael Viera.

Second Grade: Jon Bermea, Melinda Duck, Shayna Engdahl, Valarie Estill, Mary Gomez, Lisa Guerra, Sarinity Klug, Riley Knowles, Dariusus Leos, William McFarland, Fernando Morales and Faith Parum.

Sidney Patterson, Dominic Reyes, Tristan Rios, Makaylah Ramos, Makenzie Roberts, Benito Romero, Emilie Smith, Ebonie Stewart, Joe Torres, Noah Vera, Austin Viera, George Viera and Michael Watson.

Third Grade: Karina Alvarado, Fabian Barrientos and Lui Barruentos.

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Kaeli Hines, Alexandria Juarez, Alex Lopez, McKenzie Lopez, Will Lopez, Levi McCollum, Skylar McCollum, Emily McKinley, Rene Medina, Taylor Olivo, Serena Payen, Tatiana Sanchez, Margie Saucedo, Ty Sealy, Camron Torres, Katie Wilson and Leksey Yarbar.

Fourth Grade: Dalton Bradbury, Clayton Cooper, Rufus Davis, Ariana Diaz, Bryson Dunn, Harley Gray, Roy Gomez, Nichole Hale, Alex Hughes, Tabitha Keaton, Joey Lara and Evan Leib.

Isaiah Ludington, Jacob McCollum, Keeley McCollum, Ausin, Mize, Kaysie Olivares, Mayro Ortega, Kayla Sigmon, Anthony Slate, Kristen Thamez, Briana Valencia, Brett Ward and Garrett Wheeler.

**Washington Elementary School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Taylor Christian, Brandi Flores, Destiny Mata, Adrianna Rodriguez, Janisha Rushin, Jeremiah Rushin, Devynn Smith, Justin Trawick and Jacob Valdez.

Second Grade: Chase Billings, Bryson Burt, Dulcania Clayburn, Mikaela Garza, Jerrian Jordan and Marisol Savell.

Third Grade: Clay Galloway, Sarah Lopez, Taylor McComb, Alicia Redwine, Des'Ree Richter, Ashley Smith and Cory Terry.

Fourth Grade: Ryane Colette, Aric Rutledge and Tavaris Walker.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Anthony Aponte, Zachery Bennett, Summer Boudreaux, Madysun Buck, Krista Cannady, Brandon Chapel, Kaylee Coker, Lorraine Houswright, Tajun Johnson, David Martinez, Kelly Morales, Denika Nieto, Nathan Viasana, Alexandra Villa, Ashley Villa, Ryan Walleck and Dylan Wardwell.

Second Grade: Jesus Archuleta, Rebecca Branning, D'Angelo Clayburn, Remington Colette, Devon Craven, Mycakla Edwards, Bailee Fleet, Brandon Garcia, Justice Haggard, Lorenzo Jones, Luc Lewis, Brandon Molina, Eric Ortega, Destanie Rawls, Rayna Rodriguez, Daisi Salazar, Kate Sorton, Abigail Valencia, Eugene Vanderbilt, Isaiah Yanez, Victoria Yanez and Jonathan Yarbrough.

Third Grade: Fred Alejos, Victor Castillo, Malcolm Davis, Michael Deax, Nick DeHoyos, Hezekiah Ellison, Tiffany Enriquez, William Green, Tayis Movchan, Hayley Rangel, Alexandra Spaeth, William Steagald, Devin Turney and Joey Valle.

Fourth Grade: Mallenga Almazan, Victoria Castillo, Madison Currie, Tyler Foster, Ashley Destiny Garcia, Ashley Garza, Zachariah George, Jasmine Gonzalez, Omar Hernandez, Ricky Housewright, Ricky Juarez, Juan Lara, Kenan Lewis, Reyna Magallanes, Michael Molina, Jessica

Phillips, Brandon Rivera, Paula Rodriguez, Toby Shubert, Dallas Turney and Valerie Viasana.

**Coahoma High School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

Nine Grade: Megan Conley, Canyon Daniels, Nathan Gomez, Danja Gonzales, Ashley Martin, Alex Moore, Laci Sterling and Katelyn Wilson.

10th Grade: Casey Kilpatrick, Justin McCrea, Simon New, Simon Stolarczyk and Joshua Thompson.

12th Grade: Sarah Bartlett, Terrell Bibb, Kacee Coberly, Liz Conley, Patrick Croft, Sarah Dunn, Ryan Green, Amy Hiler, Ashle New, Tori Paige and Drew Wells.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Ninth Grade: Devin Adamson, Isaac Arguello, Damian Bailey, Kelsey Butts, Kimberly Calvert, Harrison Chevalier, Braden Griffin, Aricka Hart, Berkley Iden, Kelly Lee, Michael Mendoza, Jovi Paniagua, Michael Reid and Hilari White.

10th Grade: Teryn Bibb, Vanessa Cortez, Veronica Cortez, Amanda Fernandez, Chelsea Gonzales, Janice Gonzales, Channel Griffin, Kayla Gutierrez, Blake Hiler, Colter Morgan, Karrie Patterson, William Reilly, Christie Rich, Reagan Rupard, Logan Stone and Tessa Williamson.

11th Grade: Tamara Bishop, Kambra Cates, Jason Gonzales, Kamrun Green, Kayla Hall, Jacob McCain, Rebecca McEndree, Monica Morelion, Brittnee Nix, Callie Paige, Jessica Pittman, David Rodriguez, Briana Thurman, Chris Weiher and Crystal Worley.

12th Grade: Samantha Bayes, Matthew Buske, Pete DeLeon, Monique Garcia, Christina Garza, Sterling Gee, Cody Griffith, Taylor Haile, Eric Herrera, Joe Holguin, Kala Mann, Jaci Martinez, LaTisha McCartney and Anthony Pierson.

Adrianna Puente and Kali Roberts, Keith Smith, Shawna Sullivan, Trey Thornton, Jackie Valencia and Tad White.

**Robert "Rob" Ethridge Junior High School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

Seventh Grade: Rachel Barbee, Robert Barlow, Alyssa Byrd, Joshua Castilaw, Martin Gutierrez, Brandon Iden, Austin Rinard and Devin Thomas.

Eighth Grade: Kylie Gee, Kirk Hahn, Krista Lyons, Jordan Martin, Ashleigh McFadden, Kalea Neff, Megan Parrish, Kirstyn Pulis, Jared Ringener and Nicholas Sevey.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Seventh Grade: Brookelynn Coker, Itzel Gomez, Joanna Gonzales, Jessica Gutierrez, Rachel Kennedy, Rusty Martin, Jason Martinez, Reagan Reid, Shelby Reid, Jacob Robbins, Casey Roberts, Brandi Smith, Michael Weiher, John Williams and Brent Wright.

Eighth Grade: Guadalupe Abrego, Amber Batterton, Christine Bledsoe, Mikel Bridge, Ashley Buske, Elisha Carroll, Milton Castillo, Kenneth Cates, Judson Chevalier, Alexandra Cordes and Katie Dunn.

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Grissom, Raymundo Gutierrez, Kenzie Hunt, Courtney McAdams, Hayli McCullough, Jacob Owens, Reagan Rainey, Kassie Ramirez, Lauren Ruiz, Heather Sloan and Sarah Stonerook.

**Coahoma Elementary School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Alexander Biddison, Jonathan Byrd, Annie Chandler, Carolyn Clark, Ginger Coates, Jasmine Cruz, Santana Cruz, Colton Davis, Garrett Deatherage, Shawna Fuacett, Mavane Garay and Makinsey Grant.

Stephanie Gutierrez, Darren Hernandez, Michael Hewtty, Jetly Hobdy, Sonny Jackson-Prince, Jose Juarez, Alexander Mills, Dylan Nalley, John Porras, David Sandoval, Hunter Seymore, Austin Sosa, Brayden Worley, Thomas Yeater and Landyn Young.

Second Grade: Makaila Arnold, Julia Castilaw, Kassi Coker, Skydra-Lynn Farmer, Hannah Hobdy, Jessica Privett, Hannah Tucker and Tyler Witkowski.

Third Grade: Christopher Biddison, Brandon Clark, Brandon Coker, Donald Ewing, Erin Fontana, Braxton Iden, Alexis Jackson, Namen McCullough, Garrett Parrish, Kelli Schaedel, Christian Van Wey and Yanci Yeater.

Fourth Grade: Joseph Acosta, Kali Gilbert, Kayla Jernigan, Shayla Martin, Briana McCallay, Miranda McNew, Joshua Metcalf, Savannah Neff and Shanan Warneke.

Fifth Grade: Aaron Acevedo, Wendy Andersen, Shea Campbell, Dustin Fontana, Olivia Gutierrez, Alex Hill, Morgan Luce, Kaleb McAdams, Shelbi Montgomery, Kasey Osborne, Ryan Reid, Tobi Robinson, Tanner Ruiz and Marla Wilson.

Sixth Grade: Katherine Calvert, Jennifer Castilaw, Justin Coker, Jacob Echavarría, Lynzi Ferrell, Minnie Goodblanket, Heather Kirby, McKenzie Moore, Jessi Morgan and McKenzie Stone.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Taylor Anderson, Haley Arguello, Canyon Atkinson, Francisco Cantu, Matthew Cervantes, Eric Coker, Spencer Coker, Kaleb Denton, Brighton Feaster, Ashley Ferguson, Zachary Fuentes, Trinity Gonzalez, Brianna Grant and Madison Grant.

Evalena Gutierrez, Kavin Humble, Asia Jackson, Erin Lowery, Carli Martinez, Mikayla Mauzey, Brandy Mier, Aeryal Miller, Alex Munoz, Andrea Overton, Isaac Perez, Kody Phernetton, Clayton Stewart, Bailey Swinney and Thomas Wilson.

Second Grade: Kelsey Allen, Lauren Cevallos, Tanner Christie, Dalton Cosby, Chrisopher Dominguez, William Franks, Brandi Gammons, Jose Garay, Quentin Gaston and Kenneth Hagins.

Kaylee Hill, Caitlin Jones, Bailey Kennedy, Ashley Luce, Crystal McCutchan, Taylor Mendez, Taylee Miller, Sarah Nail, Tara Robinson, Abigail Sanchez, Megan Shifflett, Christopher Smith, Aimee Solis and Blake Zitterkopf.

Third Grade: Ashleyann Armstrong, Bailee Barber-Grant, David Byrd, Camberlyn Chandler,

Kristin Cosby, Marypaz Cruz, Whitney Dodson, Kelsey Garza, Alexandra Gibbs and Jalin Gilbert.

Juan Juarez, Jordan Matthews, Tomi McPherson, Joseph Meleendez, Tabytha Mendoza, Victor Paniagua, Tera Rinard, Reagan Roberts, Kayla Sanders, Noah Wagenman, Zakary Walton, Johnathan White, Fisher Williams and Kaeli Yager.

Fourth Grade: Richard Adamson, Kameron Cano, Kyla Clanton, Tabitha Dedmon, Valerie Goodblanket, Tristian Gutierrez, Gabriel Hewtty and Amanda King.

Ka'Lee Lloyd, David Mejia, Sarah Melendez, Caige Miller, Ashley O'Brien, Ariel Oliver, Devin Ruiz, Grady Smith, Anthony Sweeney, Tanner Tucker and Tamala Wilson.

Fifth Grade: Payton Anderson, Devin Barbee, Katie Castillo, Damian Cate, Justin Cervantes, Breanna Corbertt, Rikki Gilbert, Brandie Gutierrez, Stephen Hiler and Lucas Humble.

Hunter Lowery, Sarah Macik, Jose Nino, Laurel Nix, Santos Orozco, Rachel Robbins, Peyton Rodriguez, Daniel Solis, Brittany Turner, Michael Villareal and Dakota Witkowski.

Sixth Grade: Kendra Carey, Timothy Cravens, Keveen Gilbert, Dustin Gutierrez, Robert Guzman, Christopher Henry, Vanessa Hernandez, Breanna Hilario and Heather Hildebrand.

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**Forsan Junior/Senior High School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

Sixth Grade: Ashley Buzbee, Hope Cimino, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf and Jodi Jones.

Seventh Grade: Erica Garrett, Michael Mims, Regan Newsom and Tabitha Threatt.

Eighth Grade: Amanda Barber, Evan Burton, Aric Denton, Aaron Johnson, Shelby Jones, Amanda Longorio, Noelle McDowell and Laura Spence.

Ninth Grade: Tori Gauer, Whitney Price and Charlene Stanley.

Tenth Grade: Carissa Jensen, Caitlin Jones, Tara Kuykendall, Alexandria Newsom and Rowena Suazo.

11th Grade: Cayley Eggleston, Seth Johnson, Megan Mancha, Brandon Morrow and Kaylon Stanley.

12th Grade: Kimberly Berry, Hayley Lewis, Victoria McDowell, Audrey Montgomery, Amber Nichols, Jarrod Price, Shiloh Sanders and Kayla Spence.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

Sixth Grade: LaShaunte Anderson, Tanner Bailey, CJ Ballard, Tiffani Box, Foster Burchett, Austin Bynum, April Cevallos, Victoria Dunnam, Cheyenne Galloway, Jason Golleher and Lindsey Heckler.

Shelbie Hudgins, Ricky Jaime, Linette Karns, Rebecca Loya, Felixianna Pantoja, Patric Paredez, Alexandria Park, Kimbra Rodriguez, Caden Rosenbaum, Mara Sheets, Kyle Stevenson and Darien Walker.

Seventh Grade: Sterling Chaney, Cameron Churchwell, Shelby Clark, Timothy Davila, Morgan Forshee, Rebekah Hall, Zachary Hatfield, Zane Herrin, Steven Johnson, Kevy O'Brien and Miranda Park.

Kelsey Perkins, Chase Pierce, Jake Rhoton, Amber Rodriguez, Kayla Schlipf, KayC Stanely, Jonathan Williams and Brandy Wilson.

Eighth Grade: Sheree Atkerson, Macy Briggs, Ryan Flores, Erika Garza,

Gerald Harris, Joshua Hatfield, Mario Hernandez, Tony Jaime, Claudia Jones, Kelsey Jones, Jessica Loera, Jake Moore, Brittney Roemer and Corey Welch.

Ninth Grade: Faith Belew, Valerie Goff, Rey Martinez, Melanie McDonald, Shelby McDonald, Alyx Pappajohn, Vince Penick, Kayla Rawls, Jeremy Robbins, Tiffany Strong, Tyler Urbina, Ryan Welch, Kaleb Wiley and Kody Willis.

Tenth Grade: Jessica Ballard, Jolinda Flores, Morgan Garrett, Blake Grantham, Katie Kistler, Clint Lockhart, Amber Ritz, Raul Sanchez, Chilton Shellito, Kaela Strickland and Rachael Wheeler.

11th Grade: Annaliese Dunnam, Courtney Holdampf, Tessa Montgomery, Jonathan Purcell and Kassi Wash.

12th Grade: Tye Baker, Taylor Barber, Dawnia Burney, Samantha Charlton, Samantha Flores, Justin Forshee, Alyssa Hodnett, Casey Huitt, Claire Koenes, Shelby Lefevor, Rosie Martinez, Kayla Nichols, Brandon Sandridge and Jon Sutton.

**Elbow Elementary School**

**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Aaron Alton, Tyler Anderson, CJ Bigelow, Olivia Cansino, Lexi Churchwell, Braxton Coor, Bree Franklin, Sterling Freeman, Hannah Hancock, Sandra Hernandez, M'Kenna Hooper and Riley King.

Alyssa Kirkland, Mackenzie Lain, Mason Lane, Kendall Phillips, Tori Roemer, Cayla Rosenbaum, Sharrod Rushing, Matthew Sloan, Cobe Smith, Ashton Voight, Keelee White, Mary Williams and Bria Wilson.

Second Grade: Lindsey Boeker, Alex Bowman, Julia Box, Sami Carriger, Clayton Chappell, Kameron Cooper, Caden Davidson, Abby Del Toro, Karissa Dixon, Ross Freeman and Christina Gaw.

Brennan Highfield, Aliscia Howard, Kaylee Kemper, MacKenzie Kennedy, Taylor Morin, Maddie Munsell, Nina Ortiz, Kiefer Pulis, Alexis Roach, Skydra Sanford, Abby Saucedo, Jon-Paul Stevenson, Nando Subia and Talitha Threatt.

Third Grade: Ryan Armstrong, Mason Coor, Emily Hatfield, Alicia Hernandez, Gabriel Leal, Zachary Long, Breana Madry, Christopher Mims, Nicole Niklasch, Hannah Thompson and Nick Williams.

Fourth Grade: John Tyler Breyman, Kenna Colvin, Covan Davidson, Eric Edwards, Tyler Evans, Corbin Foster, Chandler Freeman, Austin Grantham, Brittney Hergert, Ali Knight, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Maria Ortiz, Kelcy Truzzkowski and Colton Wheeler.

Fifth Grade: Tanner Ballard, Brandon Carrell, Elena Flores, Aric Hernandez, Kelcee Hillis, Kie Jones, Leah Lloyd, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Max Pappajohn and Timothy Threatt.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

First Grade: Devin Adams, Preston Alexander, Hannah Beauchamp, Noah Carriger, Joshua Evans, Cailey Fryar, Eric Lwin, Tearell McVae, Averie Newton, Allison Tanis, Danyelle Tilley, Tyler Vega, April Whetsel and BreAnna Wilson.

Second Grade: Wade Alexander, Kelsey Allen, Ashton Beach, Kaytlin Brock, Jeremy Brooks, Nova Caldwell, Jesse Cervantes, Christopher Chavez, Kaitlyn Creswell, Christopher Dunlap-Baldwin and Joel Espino.

Kerigann Harbour, Stacy Jennings, Katelynn Kennemur, Amanda Lopez, Wyatt Morgan, Granger Newton, Ian Park, Gilbert Reyna, Isabella Rivera, Madi Roman, Brayden Settles, Cody Tanis, Elijah Torres,

Hayden Tubb and Sadie Wheeler.

Third Grade: Cody Bain, Jaden Buchanan, Devan Bums, Darby DePauw, Christian Gamble, Ashley Garcia, Sam Harris, Alicia Heaton, Ashlie Knox, Victoria Martinez and Mary-Ashley McDaniel.

Hannah Minchew, Gloria Moran, Erin Payne, Ryan Pearson, Andy Qualls, Summer Rainer, Alexis Smith, Diego Subia, Dalton Taylor, Makala Wharton, Garrett Willard and Lexi Willis.

Fourth Grade: Jammie Armstead, Kade Fannin, Taybor Flores, Clayton Galloway, Marisol Hernandez, Vanessa Hernandez, Devin Long, BreaAnna Martinez and Ausden Medrano.

Polo Morin, Falon Newton, Mikael Pappajohn, Elizabeth Rhodes, Aaron Salazar, Kolby Self, Kiowa Spears, Josh Spivey and Sara Stevenson.

Fifth Grade: Alexis Armstrong, Dillon Bagnall, Landon Boeker, Trevor Burchett, Marcus Cervantes, Madison Churchwell, Tommy Dawson, Nicholas Emerson, Case Ingram, Brayden Miles, Shelby Roemer, Kayla Tilley, Kelsey Westbrook and Jordan Whetsel.

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**Fifth Six-Weeks "A" Honor Roll**

12th Grade: Matthew Benavidez, Dee Fryar, Hannah Lester, Trent Rogers, Cevan Smtson and Santos Ybarra.

11th Grade: Erik Gutierrez, Garrett Nichols and Samantha Peacock.

10th Grade: Ronnie Peacock.

Ninth Grade: Brittni Blagrove, Logan Gaskins, Richard Lucio, Tamara Nichols and Mason Parker.

Eighth Grade: Noemi Martinez.

Seventh Grade: Landon Parker and Morgan Yarbrough.

Sixth Grade: Sean Blagrove and Hayden Ware.

Fourth Grade: Ben Lester, Aaron Ragle and Jerad Staggs.

Third Grade: Austin Blount, Davis Browne, George Elias and Zane Parker.

Second Grade: Austin Nichols and Dyllan Tindol.

First Grade: Hesston Balentine, Trevor Blagrove, Eric Garcia, Reagan Hamlin, Jacy Parker and Kailey Tindol.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

12th Grade: Dan Campbell, Greg Carter, Karen Chandler, Clemente Gomez, Brenda Martinez, Juan Mojica and Junior Varela.

11th Grade: Carol Martinez and Kenneth Peacock.

10th Grade: Kayla Gomez, Mary Rogers, Melony Ruiz and Crystal Ybarra.

Ninth Grade: William Carson, Christina Chavera, Melissa DeLeon, Kayla Franco, Jesus Gomez, Miranda Gutierrez, Caleb Karnes and David Martinez.

Eighth Grade: Kallina Fletcher, Johnny Rogers, Ashli Stockton, Tyler Ware and Kimberly Wigington.

Seventh Grade: Alberto Ybarra.

Fifth Grade: Jake Browne, Rosa Gonzales, Callie McMorris and Preston Zant.

Fourth Grade: Sloan Robinson and Kendra Staggs.

Third Grade: JC Gomez, Colten Hughes, Elizabeth Martinez, Sergio Plata and Sloan Shaw.

Second Grade: Felipe Aguinaga, Melissa Briseno, Nicholas Cisneros, Susie Rempel, Susana Schmith and Dylan Segundo.

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# Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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## IN BRIEF

### HC rodeo team sets annual crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team has announced its annual H-E-B crawfish boil will take place Saturday at the Howard County Rodeo Bowl at 2 p.m. before Howard College Rodeo action takes place.

The price for a crawfish boil ticket is \$15. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or ahead of time by calling Howard head rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 432-816-9477.

### Forsan's athletic banquet date set for early May

The Forsan all-sports banquet will take place May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office, but must be purchased by Thursday, April 27.

### BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting tonight in the Athletic Training Center at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to play volleyball and is entering seventh through 12th grade should attend.

For more info, contact McAden at (325) 207-4987.

### BSCC sets 'cancer' scramble tourney

The Big Spring Country Club has announced a 'cancer' scramble for Saturday and Sunday.

All proceeds of the four-person scramble will be given to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

The teams can be made up or be made for you and the field will be flighted by first-round score.

Prizes in the form of BSCC Golf Shop Gift Certificates will be given to the top three teams in each flight.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin.

The entry fee is \$75 per player plus a \$20 cart fee, but private carts are welcome. Checks can be made payable to the Big Spring Country Club.

For more information, contact the Big Spring Country Club at 267-5354.

### HC sets annual sports banquet

Howard College's annual sports banquet will take place Sunday at the Dorothy Coliseum on the arena floor beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet, which includes a dinner, are \$2 and one may pay at the door of \$5 to Betty Reed

## Garden City, Grady fare well at regional tennis meet

### Coahoma's Croft, Holguin advance to quarterfinals

By TROY HYDE

ABILENE — Two boy's doubles teams from Garden City reached the semifinals of the Region II-A tennis tournament Wednesday after winning their first two matches fairly easily.

Juniors Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues, who reached the state tournament last year in the



HALFMANN

Junior Evan Jansa and Nick Sanchez won their first match 6-0, 6-3 over a team from Aspermont and then took down a doubles duo from Goldthwaite 6-2, 6-0.

Both teams played semi-

final matches against two doubles teams from Miles for a chance to go to state, but final results were unavailable at press time. The top two finishers in each event advance to state.

In mixed doubles, Garden City's Lyza Lopez and Jeffery Pierson won their first-round match 6-0, 6-0 and then lost to the tourney's top seed in Round 2. Grady's Justin Tubb and Stefani Robles won their first match 6-1, 6-0.

Grady also fared well on



NIEHUES

Joanna Lehrmann of Rule

6-0, 6-0.

Kandace Schuelke and Ericka Medina will play in the semifinals today after winning their first two matches. They defeated a team from Woodson in Round 1 6-0, 6-0 and

the girl's side as Amanda Cooper won her first-round match in singles action. She defeated

Joanna Lehrmann of Rule 6-0, 6-0.

Kandace Schuelke and Ericka Medina will play in the semifinals today after winning their first two matches. They defeated a team from Woodson in Round 1 6-0, 6-0 and

then took down a Paint Rock team 6-1, 6-1.

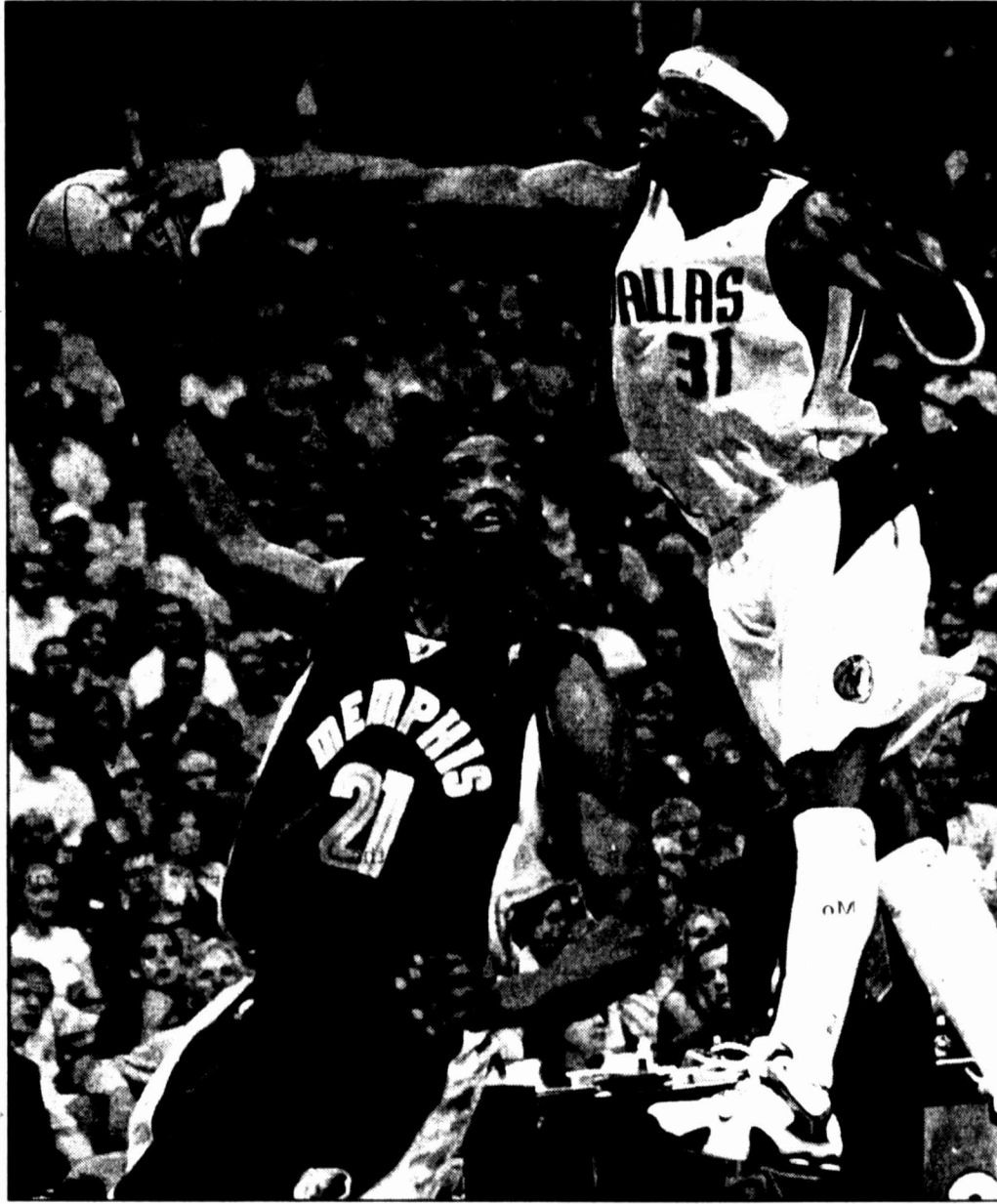
### Region 1-2A tennis tourney

Coahoma seniors Patrick Croft and Joe Holguin won their first-round match in the Region 1-2A division, but lost in Round 2 to end their run at a state berth.

Croft and Holguin defeated Cam Battley and Blake Greer 6-3, 6-3, but then fell to Ross Lehmborg and Joe Vargas

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## MAVS DENY MEMPHIS FIRST WIN



KRT photo/Ron Jenkins, Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Mavericks' Jason Terry, right, blocks Hakim Warrick of the Memphis Grizzlies during Game 2 of the Western Conference Quarterfinals. The Mavericks defeated the Grizzlies, 94-79, at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Wednesday. The Grizzlies have not won a playoff game in their franchise's history.

## Forsan's McKiski, Sanders come up short at regional golf tourney

### Lopez falls in first round of regional tennis tournament

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
The Forsan Buffaloes sent two members of the golf team to Abilene Monday and Tuesday to compete in the regional tournament.

Mark McKiski and Shiloh Sanders competed against 97 other golfers from around the region and both placed in the top 20.

McKiski shot rounds of 82 and 86 while Sanders came in with rounds of 106 and 101.

Forsan's head golf coach Terry McDonald said it was a great experience for

the kids and one they will be able to use to improve their game.

Bryce Lopez competed in the regional tennis tournament Wednesday and lost his first match 6-0, 6-2 to Bronte's Eric Hendrickson.

The Buffaloes' track team will head to the regional meet in Abilene this weekend.

## Texans pass on Longhorn quarterback

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer  
HOUSTON — The Houston Texans will take Southern Cal running back Reggie Bush or North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams with the first pick in Saturday's draft, general manager Charley Casserly said Wednesday.

The Texans dashed the hopes of University of Texas fans everywhere, who have been clamoring for the team to pick Vince Young, a Houston

### Local Sports Schedule

**Today**  
• Howard College hometown rodeo @Howard County Rodeo Bowl, 5:30 p.m. (free admission)  
\*There will be several Hawks competing tonight  
• Region II-A tennis tournament @ Abilene (final rounds)

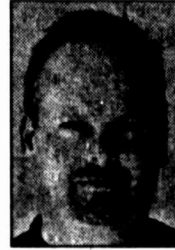
**Friday**  
• Howard College baseball DH @Midland, noon  
• Howard College softball DH vs. Clarendon, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
• Region 1-4A track meet (BSHS) @San Angelo, 1 p.m.  
• Big Spring baseball vs. Plainview, 4:30 p.m.  
• Coahoma softball warm-up @Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.  
• Howard College hometown rodeo @Howard County Rodeo Bowl, 7 p.m. (\$5 admission)  
• Forsan/Stanton/Coahoma/Grady/Garden City regional track @Abilene, TBA

**Saturday**  
• Region 1-4A track meet (BSHS) @San Angelo, 11 a.m.  
• Howard College baseball DH vs. Midland, noon  
• Howard College softball DH vs. Clarendon, noon and 2 p.m.  
• Howard College hometown rodeo @Howard County Rodeo Bowl, 7 p.m. (free admission)  
• Forsan/Stanton/Coahoma/Grady/Garden City regional track @Abilene, TBA

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## Sport of a lifetime

How many sports can you play from ages 3 to 103? Having problems coming up with ideas? So much is made of sports in our society. Seems like they are beginning sooner and sooner. Kids today can begin almost any sport by the time they are 4 years old, but what about the other end. How many sports can you play when you are 40? 50? 60?



LARRY BRYAN

Most careers in other sports end in your 40s. Golf has the ability to bring old and young together on a mutual playing field. Tiger Woods appeared on the Tonight Show at age 3. Don Malarkey was recently honored as the oldest living member of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of America. He is 101.

Not only is golf ageless, but it also knows few boundaries. You are hard pressed to name a country that does not have golf courses and players. Many of today's PGA players honed their skills on the Canadian Tour, the Asian Tour or the European Tour. Of the top 6 players in the world, four are from other countries. Vijay Singh is from Fiji, Ernie Els is from South Africa, Retief Goosen is from South Africa, and Sergio Garcia is from Spain. Annika Sorenstam, the top female golfer, is from Sweden. The last few years has seen a huge influx of oriental golfers from Korea, Japan and China. New countries are emerging constantly.

It is always fun to watch the Pebble Beach Pro-Am to see the wide variety of amateurs. The amateurs come from all walks of life. Pro football, baseball, actors, comedians, boxers and business tycoons are all represent-

ed. Many of your NBA, NFL, NHL and Major League Baseball players are excellent golfers. Roger Clemens had an article in Golf Magazine talking about playing golf while on road trips.

John Elway is a single-digit golfer. Ford Motor Company runs advertisements for a dream foursome with Brett Favre, Phil Mickelson and Toby Keith. What other sport could bring that group together?

If you watch golf on television, one thing will always catch your eye. No two golfers are alike. They come in all shapes and sizes and all economic backgrounds. Golf has the ability to bring together different countries, backgrounds and ages.

I am a little biased because I have chosen this as my profession, but I firmly believe that at some time in everyone's life they will have the opportunity to enjoy a round of golf. I would encourage you to make it sooner than later. The time spent will be well worth it.

I had the opportunity to play in the Keep Big Spring Beautiful golf tournament this past weekend. I played with my wife Susan, my son Tyler (9), and my daughter Abbey (5). We were able to play golf as a family and raise money for a good cause.

The memories will last a lifetime. Teach a child to play golf and he or she will have a gift that will last a lifetime.

Hopefully, he will pass the gift on. Contact your local PGA professional for more information about junior golf camps.

Larry Bryan is the Director of Golf at the Big Spring Country Club. He will consider story ideas or answer questions from readers and can be reached at 267-5354 (E.S. Country Club pro shop) or at larryj@crcom.net.

## Lady Buffs end year at regional golf meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
The Stanton girl's golf team placed sixth overall as a team at the Region 1-2A golf meet earlier this week, but ended their season short of the state tournament.

The Lady Buffs shot a 401 and 397, respectively, between the two rounds. Wall successfully defended its regional title and San Saba was 28 strokes behind, but also advanced

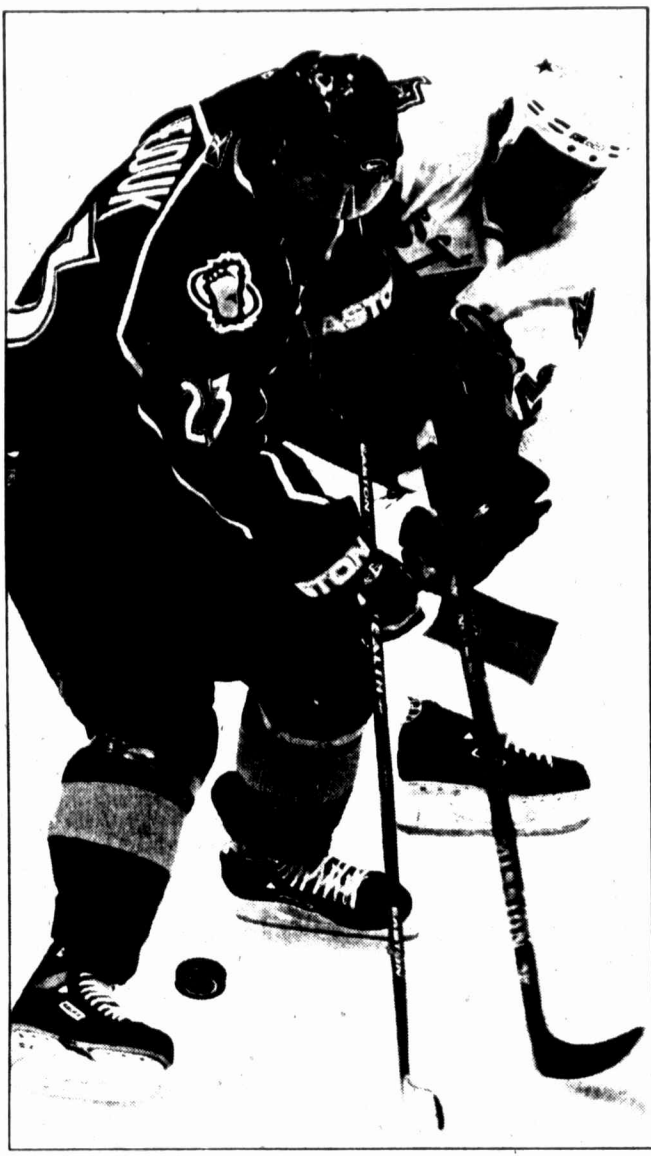
to state. Kendra Whittley (141) and Kyla Whittley (147), two sisters from Wall, placed first and second, respectively.

Stanton was led by senior Savannah Smith, who finished with a 180 after rounds of 91 and 89. Mallory Cotton shot a 205, Brittani Garza added a 207, Bonnie Kendall stroked a 209 and Samantha Portillo added a 216.

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Dallas Stars' Stephane Robidas, right, defends against Colorado Avalanche's Milan Hejduk in first period action during Game 3 of the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo., Wednesday. The Stars lost 4-3 in overtime and trail 3-0 in the series.

Junior High Girl's Track Results

Frenship meet

**Seventh Grade**  
Shot Put: Lacey Lawrence, third; Tanieka Stephenson, fourth; Brandi Vaughn, sixth.  
Long Jump: Valerie Ross, fourth.  
High Jump: Desiree Anderson, fourth.  
2,400-meter run: Alesha Yanez, fourth.  
400-meter relay: Ross-Gabby Fierro-Kaylesha Lang-Anderson, second.  
100-meter hurdles: Ross, third; Niki Sarmiento, fourth; Taryn Kennedy, fifth.  
100-meter dash: Anderson, first; Fierro, second; Patricia Morales, third.  
Discus: Brandi Vaughn, fifth; Linzi Rodriguez, sixth.  
400-meter dash: Kennedy, second; Elle Torres, third; Holly Kennedy, fourth.  
300-meter hurdles: Sarmiento, third; Chanel Cuvillo, third; Ashley Guerra.  
1,600-meter run: Holly Kennedy, sixth.  
1,600-meter relay: Bresha Randle-Yanez-Lang-Jillian Valle, second.  
800-meter relay: Valle-Ross-Lang-Anderson, second.

**Eighth Grade**  
Shot Put: Lauren Porras, sixth.  
Long Jump: Iesha Simpson, first; Linzee Yarbar, second.  
High Jump: Macy Graves, second.  
2,400-meter run: Vicki Conner, fifth; Bernadette Cruz, sixth.  
400-meter relay: Callie Shafer-Yarbar-Selena Gonzales-Simpson, third.  
800-meter run: Marissa Zavala, fourth.  
100-meter hurdles: Yarbar, second; Emily Key, sixth.  
100-meter dash: Simpson, first; Crystal Carrillo, fifth; Mariah Sparkman, fifth.  
800-meter relay: Shafer-Key-Carrillo-Sloan Davis, fourth.  
Discus: Kami Davis, second; Porras, third.  
Triple Jump: Simpson, first.  
400-meter dash: Whitney Gonzales, second; Chelby Salgado, third; Zavala, sixth.  
300-meter hurdles: Yarbar, fifth; Halee Thomas, sixth.  
200-meter dash: Simpson, second; Kate Brumley, fourth.  
1,600-meter run: Conner, fifth; Cruz, sixth.  
1,600-meter relay: Marissa Rodriguez-Davis-Carrillo-Zavala, fourth.



Courtesy photo  
Big Spring eighth-grader Iesha Simpson poses with all her medals which she won while competing in track at the junior high level.

TENNIS

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of Mason 6-2, 6-1.

The rest of the Coahoma regional qualifiers lost in Round 1.

Harrison Chavallier and Jessica Pittman lost 6-0, 6-0 in mixed doubles to Crane's Tate Tatum and Chrystal Sharp. Callie Paige lost in singles action to

Kylie Easterling of Post 6-0, 6-0 and Chelsea Watts and Brianna Thurman lost in girl's doubles to Tifnee Nesloney and Kate Radtke of Mason 6-1, 6-0.

Stanton's Matthew Ruiz also lost in the first round in boy's singles.

He was defeated 6-0, 6-0 by Brent Abilez of Junction.

Lantz, Neefe win big at West Texas Disc Golf Tournament

Special to the Herald

Seventy eight players took part in the second-annual West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament, contested at Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring last weekend. The 78 players vied for the title of West Texas champion in eight divisions and were rewarded with more than \$3,600 in cash and prizes.

West Texas champions were:

Open Division — Gordo Garcia, Lubbock.

Open Masters (40 plus years) — Vicente Trujillo, Lubbock.

Amateur Masters (40 plus) — Brett Lantz, Big Spring.

Advanced Division —

Ozzie Baeza, Ft. Stockton. Amateur Division — Jeremy Doyle, Lubbock.

Novice Division — Anthony Aguirre, Odessa.

Womens Division — Frances Rogers, Abilene.

Juniors Division — Aaron Neefe, Big Spring.

Bob Baird of Odessa, Bo Neill of Lubbock and Alan Rogers of Abilene all recorded a hole-in-one over the weekend while John "Rock" Stewart took home a portable basket as a skillshot prize and also won the giveaway and took home some vintage plastic.

Contestants included a 9-year-old girl from Midland, a 62-year-old from Abilene, a three-time world champion

from Big Spring and players from as far away as Cedar Park, Copperas Cove, Leander and Liberty Hill.

Disc golf courses are located in public parks in Big Spring, Odessa, Fort Stockton, Levelland, Lubbock, Amarillo, Seymour, Abilene, Sweetwater, San Angelo, El Paso and Wichita Falls in the West Texas area.

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native who led the Longhorns to a Rose Bowl victory over Bush and USC.

"We came to the conclusion that to draft a quarterback, whether it be Vince Young, Matt Leinart or Jay Cutler, was not the best thing for this football team," Casserly said. "The best thing for this football team was to use the first pick in this draft to add a premiere player at another position."

Casserly said that part

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5. Green Bay Packers  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Taurus energy is materialistic. It's not as shallow as it sounds, though, as the physical world is a manifestation of the spiritual world, and each realm is affected by changes in the other. As the sun and new moon are in Taurus, it's an ideal time to realize your possessions are an extension of yourself and care for them accordingly.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Money issues arise in the afternoon, especially between partners who are still learning to trust each other. It works best if everyone sticks to the original financial plan.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). What a dreamy day. The stars feature moments of romance, artistry or poetry that produce a feeling of falling — not plummeting, but a soft descent, a cushioned floating.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your productivity ebbs and flows through the day. Make a promise to yourself to forge onward regardless of the results. This creates more flow than ebbing.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your intuition often

speaks to you in pictures. In the beginning, trying to unravel their meaning is confusing. As you use your talent, there will be no doubt, only direct knowing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Duties are distributed differently. It's like a game of musical chairs. If you're asked to relinquish your control over a situation, do so gladly. Your freedom brings the opportunity for a fascinating experience.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The planets encourage you to give your endeavors the personal touch. Any pursuit that includes glamour, style and elegance will not only be lucky for today, but will also have a lasting influence on your identity.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most of today is dramatically heightened. There is running instead of strolling, yelling instead of talking, hot sauce instead of salt. Your heart gets a workout.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have nothing to lose by forging full-steam ahead. If it's not going right, you have everything you need to recognize the problem early on and reverse the trend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's so lucky to thank the people around you who make your life easier, especially those who might normally be overlooked. Tonight, you make a memorable impression on someone important to your future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Are you still stewing over a friend's thoughtlessness? You'll benefit by speaking openly about your feelings — maybe not directly to the offender, though, at least not yet.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). About that business endeavor you're considering ... the astral vibes are perfect for planning a way to be your own boss. Three phone calls is all it takes to get this show on the road.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you may not have a burning secret, you certainly appear to. That's why you're capturing the attention of interested parties. Some of this attention is unwanted, but you handle it beautifully.

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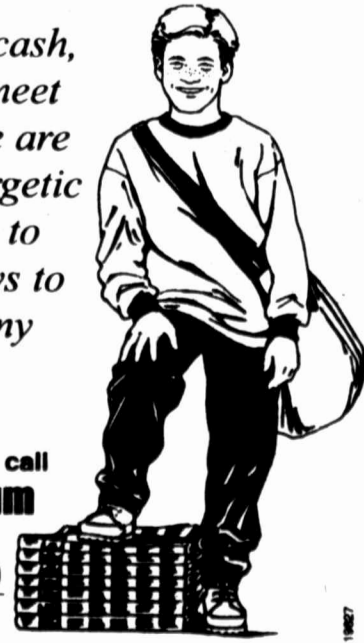
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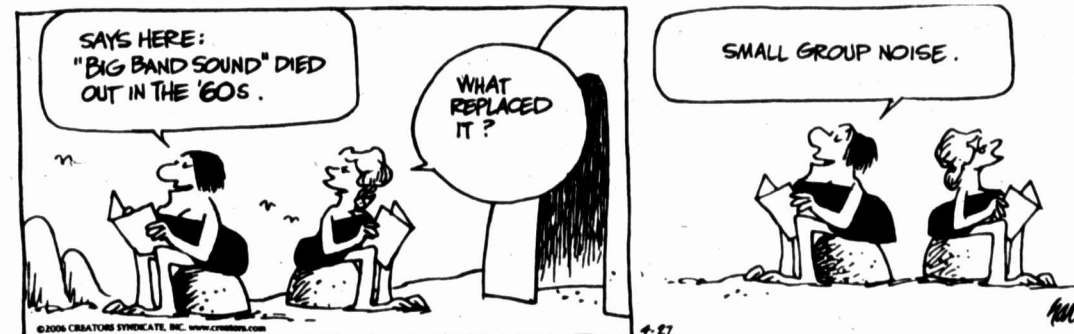
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On this date: In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice. (The pope lifted the ban in February 1510.)

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by

Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1986, a video pirate calling himself "Captain Midnight" interrupted a movie on HBO with a printed message protesting de-scrambling fees. (Captain Midnight turned out to be John R. MacDougall of Florida, who was fined and placed on probation.)

Five years ago: The U.S. Navy resumed military exercises on Vieques island in Puerto Rico, drawing protesters.

One year ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin became the first Kremlin leader to visit Israel. The Airbus A380, the world's largest jetliner, made its maiden flight.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 84. Actress Anouk Aimee is 74. Announcer Casey Kasem is 74. Actress Judy Carne is 67. Opera singer Judith Blegen

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Thought for Today: "There is nothing in the universe that I fear but that I shall not know all my duty, or shall fail to do it." — Mary Lyon, American educator (1797-1849).

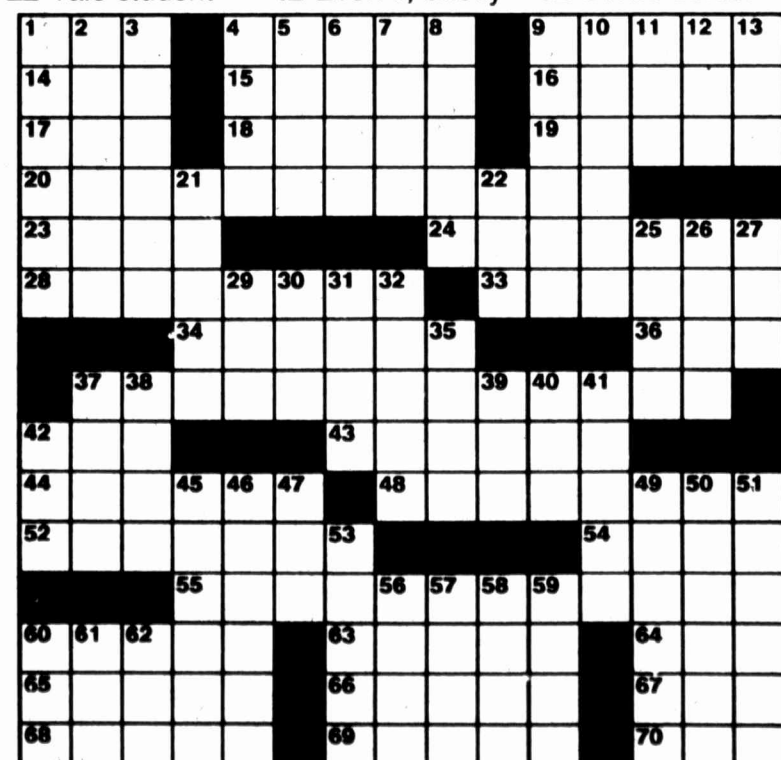
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- ACROSS: 1 relief, 4 Football coach Amos Alonzo, 9 Make amends, 14 Upper-left key, 15 Word preceding plant or lunch, 16 Easy putt, 17 Make like, 18 Concert venue, 19 Current fashion, 20 Choice spot at a prizefight, 23 Art Deco notable, 24 Easily shaped, 28 Interstate feature, 33 Encroachment, 34 Sherbet flavor, 36 your move!, 37 Rec-room setup, 42 Pinocle card, 43 Very sweet, 44 Bank jobs, 48 Bisque holders, 52 Windsor's province, 54 En route on a liner, 55 Small fruits, 60 White (star), 63 Superman portrayer, 64 TV spots, 65 Display stand, 66 Actress Burstyn, 67 Compass dir., 68 Obliterate, 69 Time on the job, 70 Customary: Abbr.
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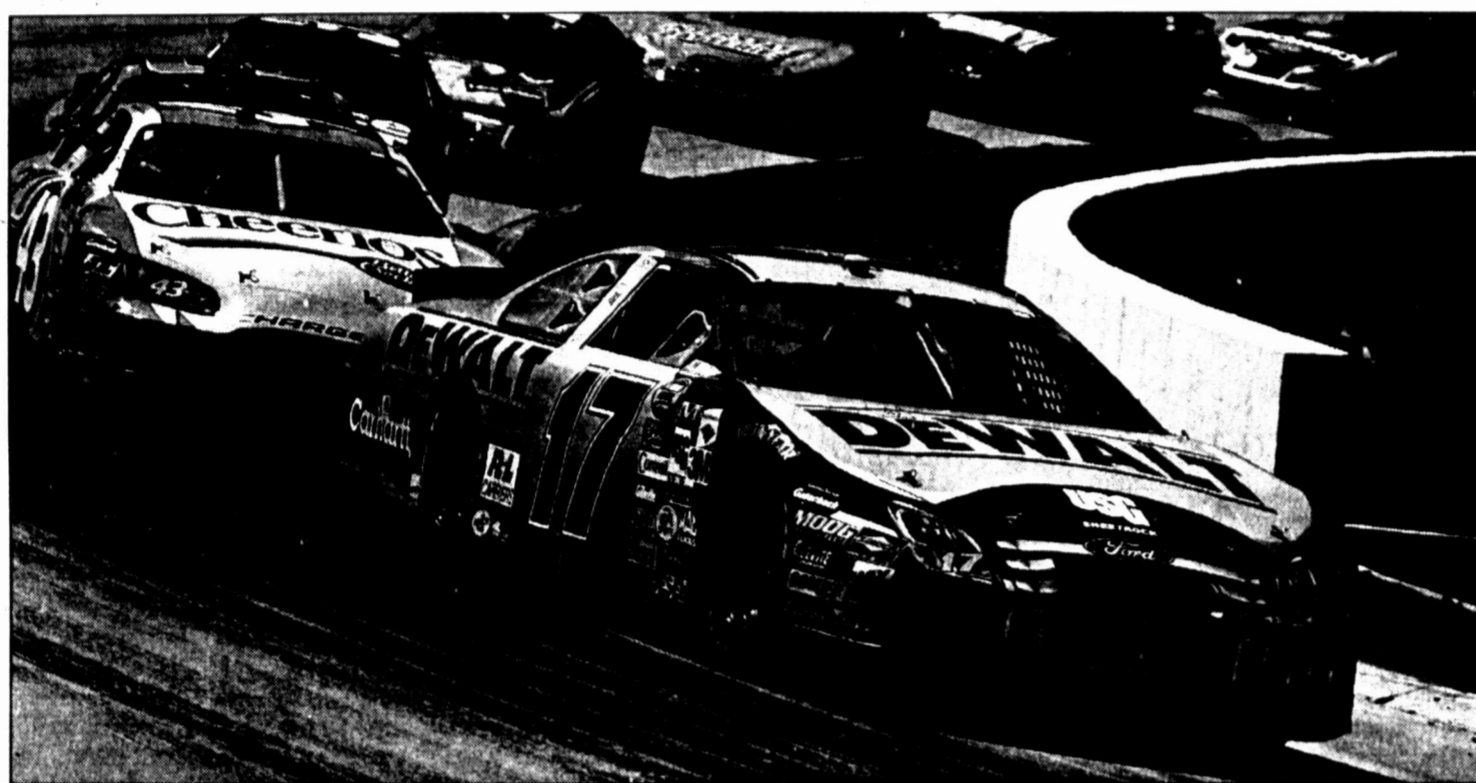
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Matt Kenseth and the No. 17 team lead the Nextel Cup points standings with 1218 points, nine ahead of second-place Jimmie Johnson.

## Forward progress

Having to rally last season, Matt Kenseth starts 2006 strong

By JIM UTTER  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the first two seasons NASCAR has used the Chase for the Nextel Cup to determine the champion of its top series, Matt Kenseth has qualified for the 10-race playoff both times.

The first time, he did it the easy way — winning early in 2004 and solidifying his position in the top 10.

Last season, Kenseth had to do it the hard way — rallying from 24th in the points standings in June to cracking the top 10 one week before the 26-race cutoff point in September.

Through the first eight races of 2006, Kenseth and his No. 17 Roush Racing team appear more like the former rather than the latter.

Kenseth already has one win — in February at California — and after a third-place finish Saturday at Phoenix, took over the series points lead, holding a nine-point advantage over Jimmie Johnson heading into Sunday's Aaron's 499 at Talladega, Ala.

When asked how it felt to be the points leader after the Phoenix race, Kenseth was a little taken aback.

"Didn't even really think about it. It's better than being second, I guess. You know, it's really early in the year, but I think when you're leading the points or when you're solidly in the top 10 it definitely gives you a good feeling and it gives the guys (on the team) a good feeling," Kenseth said.

"There's a little bit more comfort, in the (first) 26 races, being in the front. So, if we can keep running like this and stay solidly in the top 10 until we get to the Chase, that's really our goal."

Kenseth's surprise may have come in his unexpected finish at Phoenix.

### TALE OF TWO SEASONS

Comparing Matt Kenseth's performance at this point last season to how he is doing this year:

Season	Points	Wins	Top fives	Top 10s
2006	1st	1	5	5
2005	23rd	0	0	1

Although the team used a new short-track car, Kenseth said he struggled with it much of the race. A slew of contenders running out of gas at the end aided his strong finish.

"I feel like our mile-and-a-half stuff is really good, two-mile stuff, downforce stuff, and our speedway stuff was great at Daytona," he said. "We just got to work on our short-track stuff just a little bit more to be able to run with the top few guys."

Kenseth, the 2003 Nextel Cup champion, credits his team's work over the winter on improving the team's fleet of cars as a big part of his stronger start this season, along with some personnel changes.

"I think our engineering staff and Robbie (Reiser, crew chief) and everybody, they were able to figure out some things on our cars and make our cars better, make our bodies better," Kenseth said.

"I feel this year, with moving some people up and moving some people around helped our team. I think it energized it a little bit (especially) when you have the same thing for a long time sometimes — just like going to work every day.

"I think this made a new enthusiasm. Nobody's been in this position, and they're just fired up. It's been a fun start to the year, that's for sure."

To continue his strong start, Kenseth will have to do well at Talladega, typically not one of his strong tracks.

His 26.9 average starting position there is the worst of any track in Kenseth's Cup career. His career average finish at restrictor plate tracks is 19.0, much lower than his career average for all tracks (15.6).

"Talladega is all about staying out of trouble, getting to the end and picking the right lane at the right time. Oh yeah, and if you're in the lead, hope there isn't a caution with under five to go," he said.

"I felt last fall we were in good shape. We were leading at the end and had everyone lined up behind us, then the caution came out and bunched everyone back together, and we ended up pushing Dale (Jarrett) across for the win."

Kenseth celebrates his victory in the 2006 Auto Club 500 at California Speedway.

### RANKINGS

#### THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17);
2. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9);
3. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48);
4. Tony Stewart (car No. 14);
5. Kevin Harvick (car No. 14);
6. Mark Martin (car No. 6);
7. Jeff Gordon (car No. 14);
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 14);
9. Kyle Busch (car No. 15);
10. Greg Biffle (car No. 16);

all finished in the top seven at Phoenix and, through eight races, they've been consistently competitive on an almost equal basis. If we didn't think a four-way tie was wimpy out there, that's what we'd have. Last week: 2, 1, 3 and 4 respectively.

5. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Closing fast on front four over Phoenix win. He is long overdue for a plate victory. Last week: 6.

6. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Things

keep getting between this team and Victory Lane, but it's competitive week after week. Last week: 5.

7. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Gordon is the winner of the last two spring races at Talladega. It's time for this team to step up. Last week: 9.

8. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Like Gordon's team, this one needs to step it up a notch to join the sport's top tier. Last week: 8.

9. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): Would

be two spots higher if we weren't docking Busch for poor deportment at Phoenix. Last week: 7.

10. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): It seems that every time this team tries to make a call, it backfires on them. If they want to be a factor in the Chase, that needs to turn around — now. Last week: 13.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit [www.thatstracin.com](http://www.thatstracin.com).

## Busch Series should avoid becoming 'Cup Lite'

Before his Nextel Cup victory on Saturday night, Kevin Harvick's victory Friday in Phoenix made it the 20th of the past 21 Busch Series races won by a driver also competing full time in NASCAR's top series.

The only exception since Aug. 13 was Clint Bowyer's win in October at Memphis. Bowyer runs in the Cup series now, but last year he ran only one Cup race while doing a full-time Busch schedule for Richard Childress Racing.

It understandable that many fans object to this "downstream dominance" of NASCAR's second-tier series by drivers and teams who seemingly stoop to conquer a lower level of competition.

Shouldn't major league hitters feast on Class AAA pitching, they reason, or wouldn't the NBA's worst team mop the floor with a team from the developmental league?

By that logic, drivers like Harvick,

Kurt Busch, or Greg Biffle ought to win every time out in the Busch Series. These Cup drivers have more experience, better equipment and more resources in a sport where all of those factors are critical to success on the track.

This dominance, however, has stripped any stand-alone identity for the Busch Series. And that's a real problem in many ways, even beyond the distaste fans have developed for this trend.

Beginning next year, ESPN has broadcast rights for the Busch Series.

The cable giant plans to concentrate Busch coverage on ESPN2 and give the series its own on-air look and feel. Can that actually be achieved if it continues to morph into "Cup Lite"?

Then, of course, there's the developmental question. Most of today's Cup regulars gained at least some level of experience in a Busch car before jumping into the deepest end of the pool. The drivers who've won the past eight Busch championships and the series' past seven rookie of the year awards are currently in Nextel Cup rides.

The Busch series is where good drivers go to get that valuable "seat time" that has several younger drivers like Reed Sorenson and Denny Hamlin running both Cup and Busch schedules this year. But it's also where they go to learn to win. If full-time Busch teams can't win, then only drivers who've managed to hitch their wagons to Cup teams that also have Busch operations will get that experience.

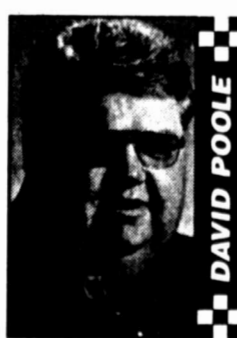
Here's an idea that could solve a lot of these problems.

No Busch Series driver points should be awarded to anyone currently in the top 35 in the Nextel Cup standings. That doesn't keep Cup drivers from entering races — and make no mistake, track operators who have to sell tickets want Cup drivers racing in Busch shows, too.

No owner points should be awarded, either. If a car owner puts a Cup regular in his Busch car, he does it with the understanding that car has to make the race on speed every week.

That might encourage more potential team owners, ones not quite ready to tackle the challenge of Cup racing, to find the Busch Series financially viable again.

As important as the Busch Series might be to the future roster of drivers for Cup, there needs to be a pathway for future team owners to come into NASCAR as well.



DAVID POOLE

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### AARON'S 499

Where: Talladega Superspeedway, a 2.66-mile paved, highly banked tri-oval located in Talladega, Ala.

When: Sunday at 2:10 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 11:40 a.m. Saturday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,951,372.

Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon.

Worth mentioning: Dale Earnhardt Jr., has five victories, seven top fives and eight top 10s in 12 Talladega appearances and has led in all but two of his races there.

Nine of the last 14 races at Talladega have been won from a starting position of 11th or worse.

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Dale Earnhardt Jr. says "it's a pretty cool deal for DEI," but what do you think about the arrangement that puts him in a black No. 8 Chevy at Talladega?

Cast your vote at:

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#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon are winless so far in 2006. Which of the two will get to Victory Lane first?

Number of votes: 7,697

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Jeff Gordon	3,883	50%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3,814	50%

### STOP 'N' GO

#### WHO'S HOT

Kevin Harvick: You know he's on a roll when he's looking out for Kurt Busch's welfare on the track.

Tony Stewart: They could invert the field with 20 laps to go and he'd still probably finish in the top five.



Kevin Harvick

#### WHO'S NOT

Kyle Busch: Red still means stop, even in NASCAR.

Kurt Busch: Only top-10 finish this season was his win at Bristol — wow.

Michael Waltrip: Finished 18th in Daytona 500, and it's been all downhill since.

#### RANDOM THOUGHTS

If NASCAR is going to purposely increase the number of pit stops by using smaller fuel cells in the Coca-Cola 600, they should be equally diligent in enforcing the rules on pit road, as it's likely where the race could be decided.

— Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of April 22:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Matt Kenseth	1218	21. Greg Biffle	785
2. Jimmie Johnson	1209	22. Ryan Newman	757
3. Kasey Kahne	1167	23. Jeff Green	751
4. Mark Martin	1152	24. Reed Sorenson	744
5. Tony Stewart	1141	25. Bobby Labonte	743
6. Jeff Gordon	1045	26. J.J. Yeley	736
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1044	27. Ken Schrader	712
8. Kevin Harvick	1045	28. Joe Nemechek	707
9. Kyle Busch	1010	29. Scott Riggs	684
10. Casey Mears	948	30. Sterling Marlin	682
11. Dale Jarrett	934	31. Robby Gordon	677
12. Clint Bowyer	910	32. Dave Blaney	676
13. Jeff Burton	879	33. Kyle Petty	665
14. Elliott Sadler	861	34. Jeremy Mayfield	635
15. Martin Truex Jr.	841	35. Michael Waltrip	595
16. Carl Edwards	822	36. David Stremme	551
17. Kurt Busch	813	37. Scott Wimmer	523
18. Denny Hamlin	808	38. Terry Labonte	516
19. Brian Vickers	808	39. Travis Kvapil	419
20. Jamie McMurray	796	40. Kevin Lepage	408

#### BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of April 21:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	1469	11. Reed Sorenson	986
2. Clint Bowyer	1180	12. Jason Leffler	983
3. Denny Hamlin	1174	13. Johnny Sauter	969
4. J.J. Yeley	1158	14. Jamie McMurray	950
5. Carl Edwards	1128	15. Ashton Lewis	923
6. Paul Menard	1074	16. Matt Kenseth	921
7. Jon Wood	1037	17. Kenny Wallace	909
8. Kyle Busch	1032	18. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	879
9. Burney Lamar	1007	19. Jason Keller	871
10. Greg Biffle	999	20. Michael Waltrip	870

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Aaron's 312, Talladega, Ala.

#### TRUCK

The top-10 drivers as of April 11:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Mark Martin	720	6. Erik Darnell	552
2. Ted Musgrave	695	7. Jack Sprague	544
3. Todd Bodine	682	8. Mike Bliss	544
4. David Reutimann	576	9. Dennis Setzer	531
5. David Starr	556	10. Rick Crawford	508

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Missouri/Illinois Dodge Dealers Ram Tough 200, Madison, Ill.

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